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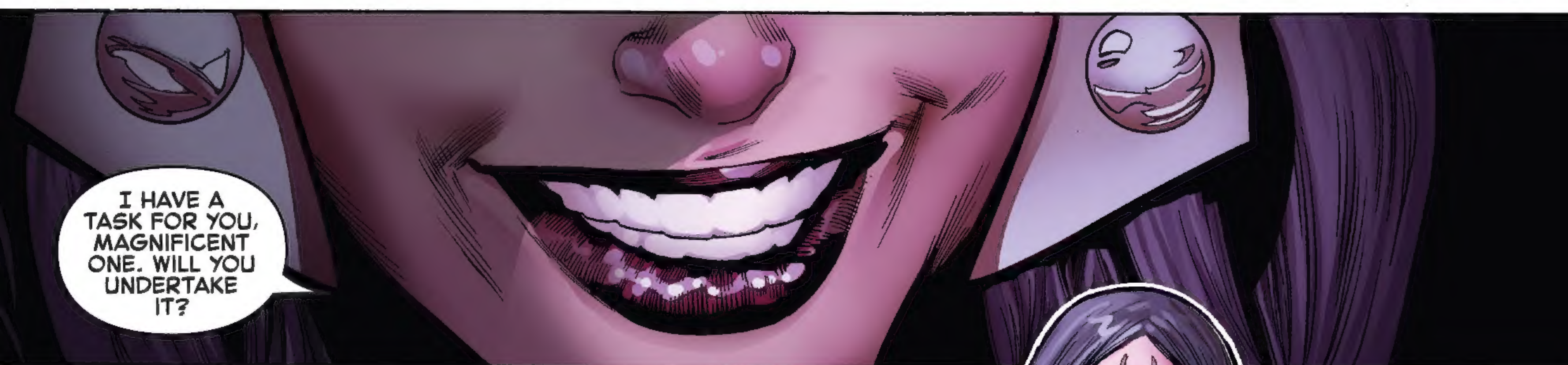
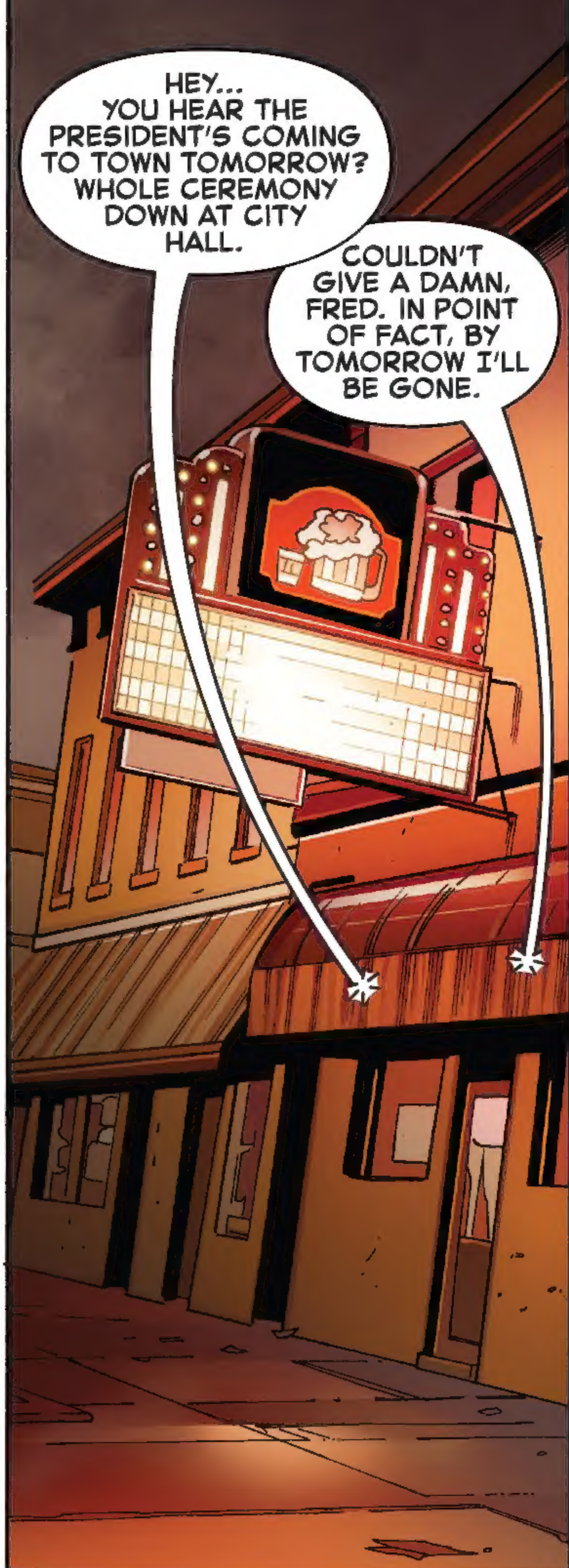
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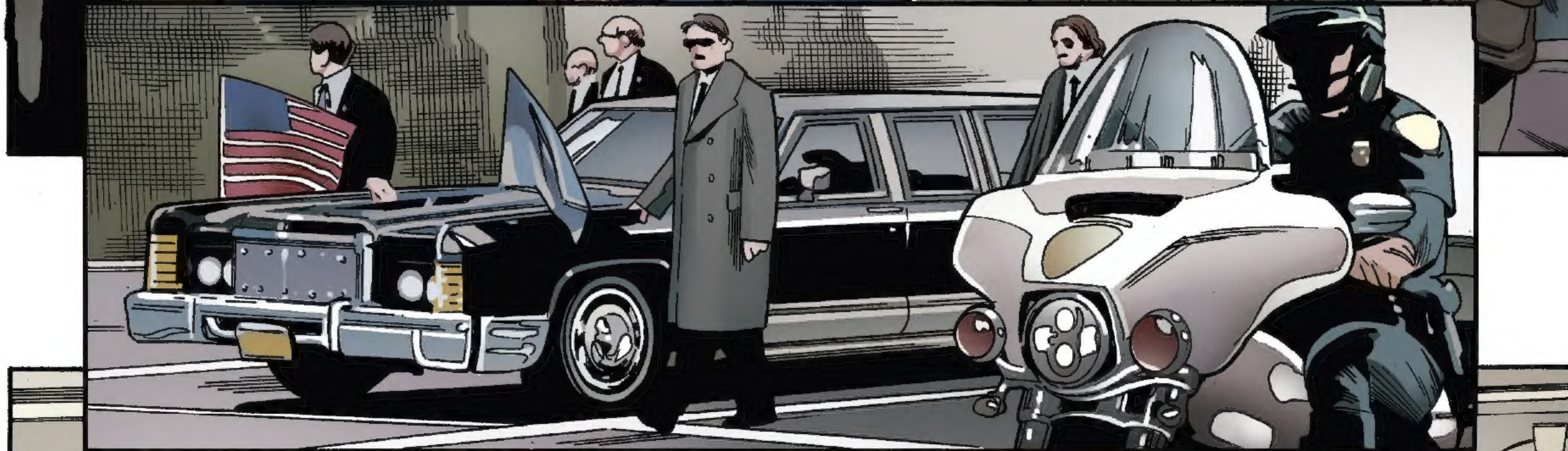
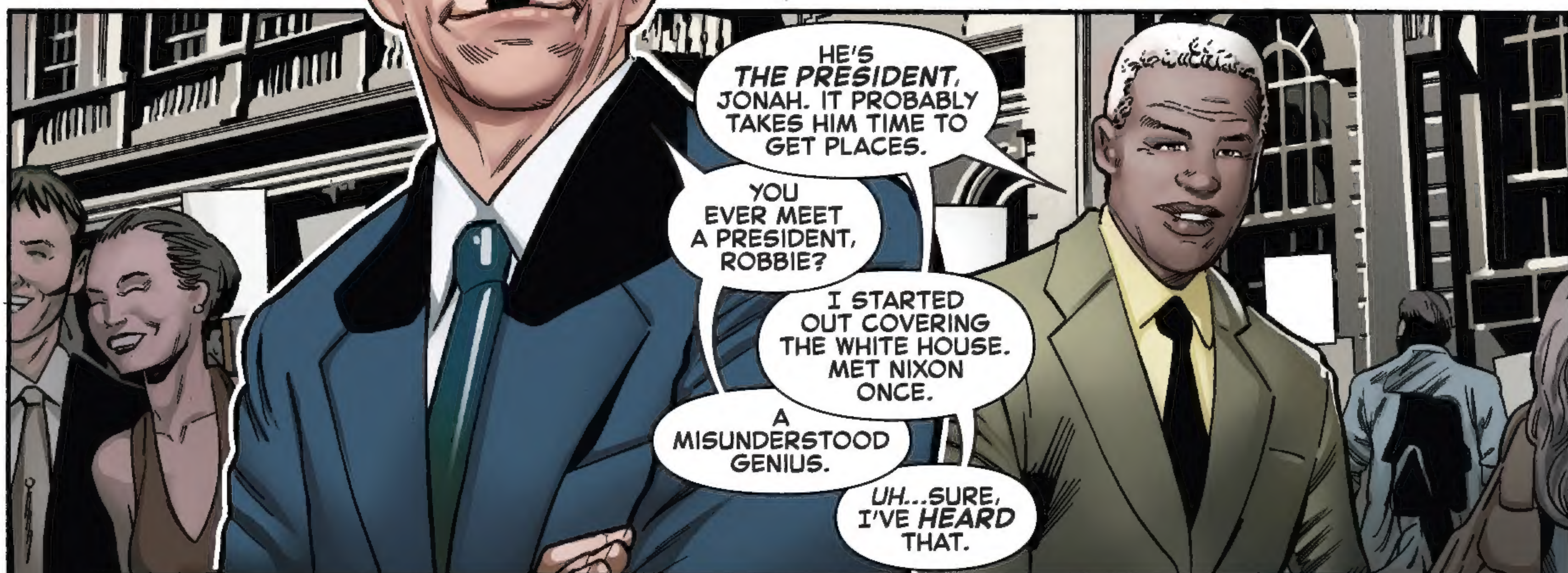
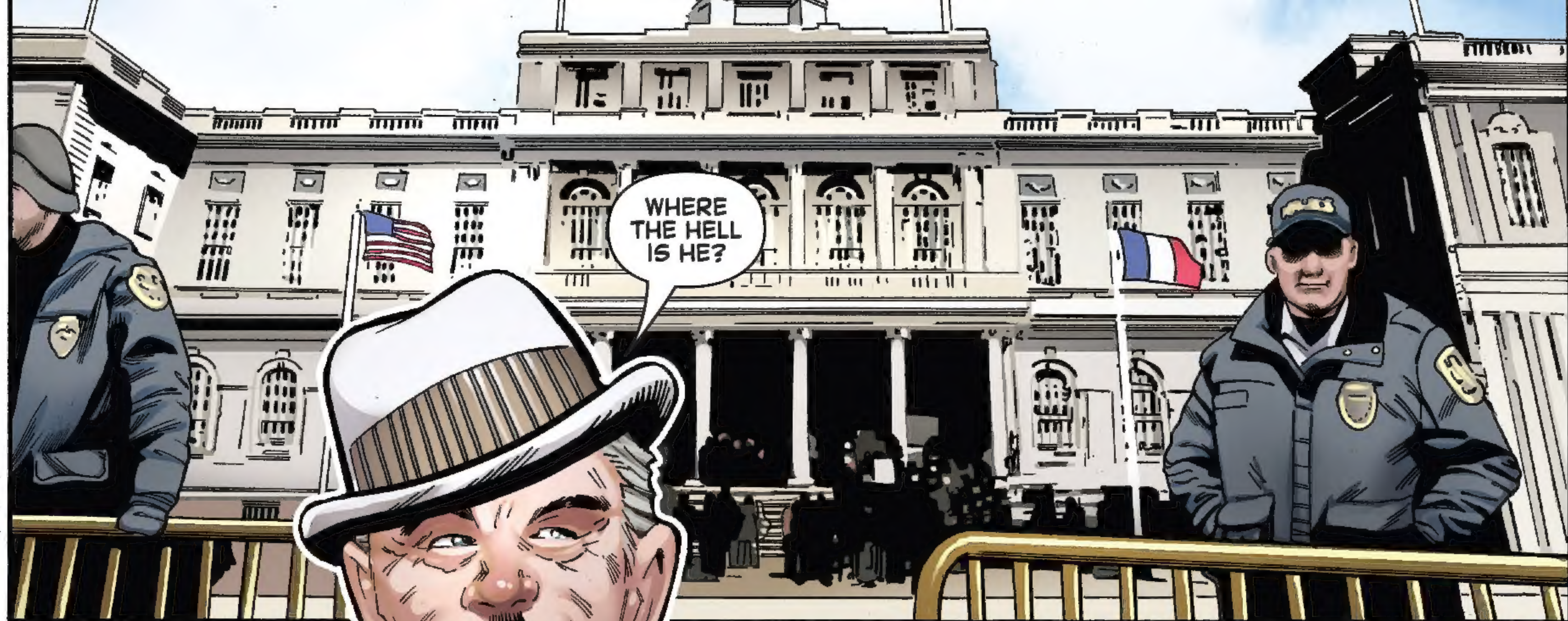
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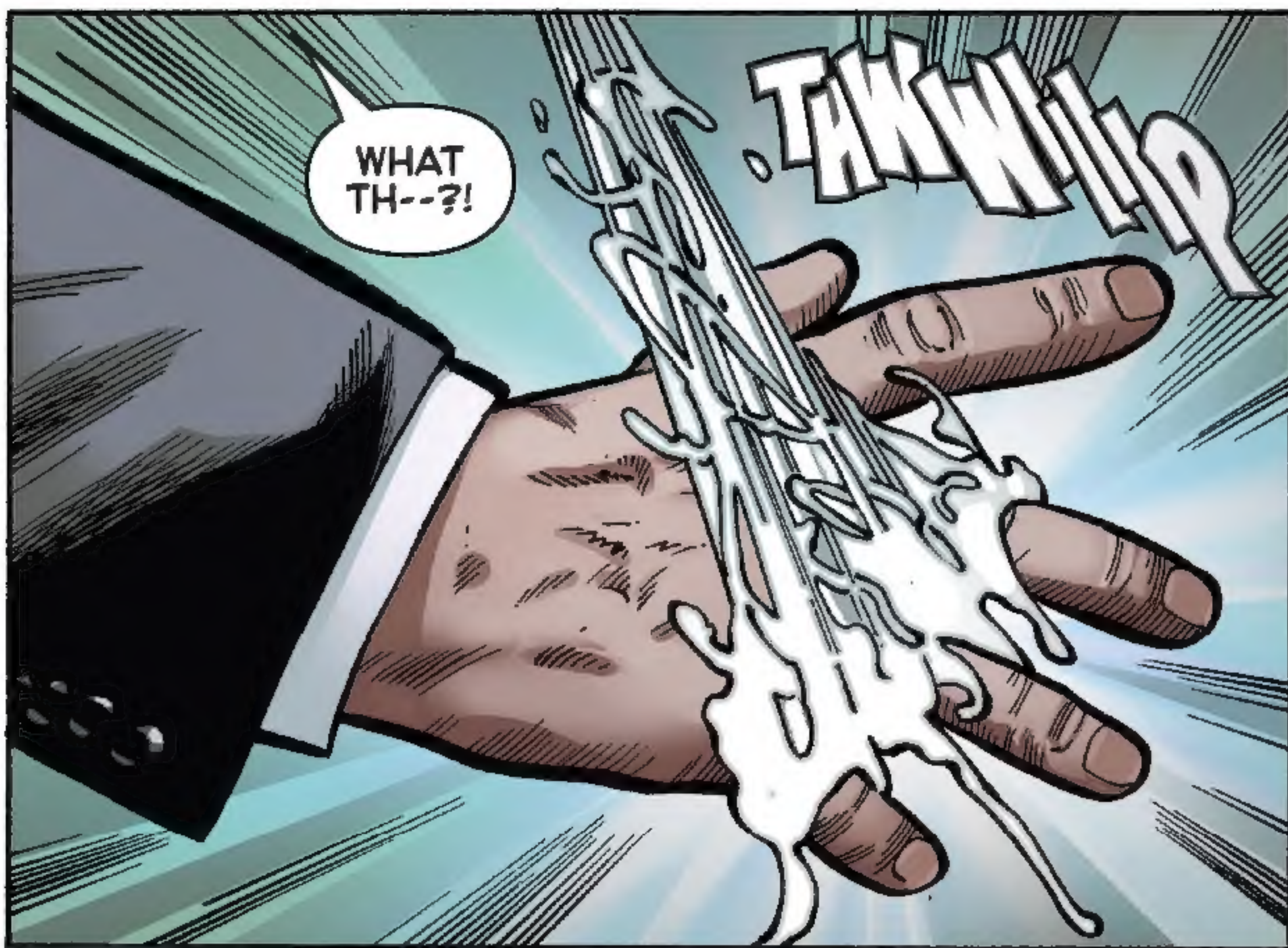
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YOU **WEBBED** **MENACE!** YOU'VE BLOWN IT THIS TIME!

YOU'RE ATTACKING THE PRESIDENT OF THE DAMNED UNITED STATES IN FRONT OF HUNDREDS OF WITNESSES AND... OH YEAH...

MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO'LL SEE THIS ON THE NEWS!

YOU'RE **FINALLY** THROUGH, WEB-HEAD! **FINISHED!**

AND LET EVERYBODY KNOW THAT **J. JONAH JAMESON** WAS HERE WHEN IT HAPPENED!

YEAH, I'M SURE THAT'S ALL THEY'LL TALK ABOUT.

I'M WEBBING THE PRESIDENT, BUT ALL ANYONE WILL BE SAYING IS, "HEY, DID YOU SEE **JONAH'S MUSTACHE** IS CROOKED?"

IT'S NOT CROOKED!





I...I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY...?



HE WAS GOING TO POISON YOU, JONAH. POISON EVERYONE HE MET.

TOXIC RING ON HIS FINGER. RIGHT, CHAMELEON?

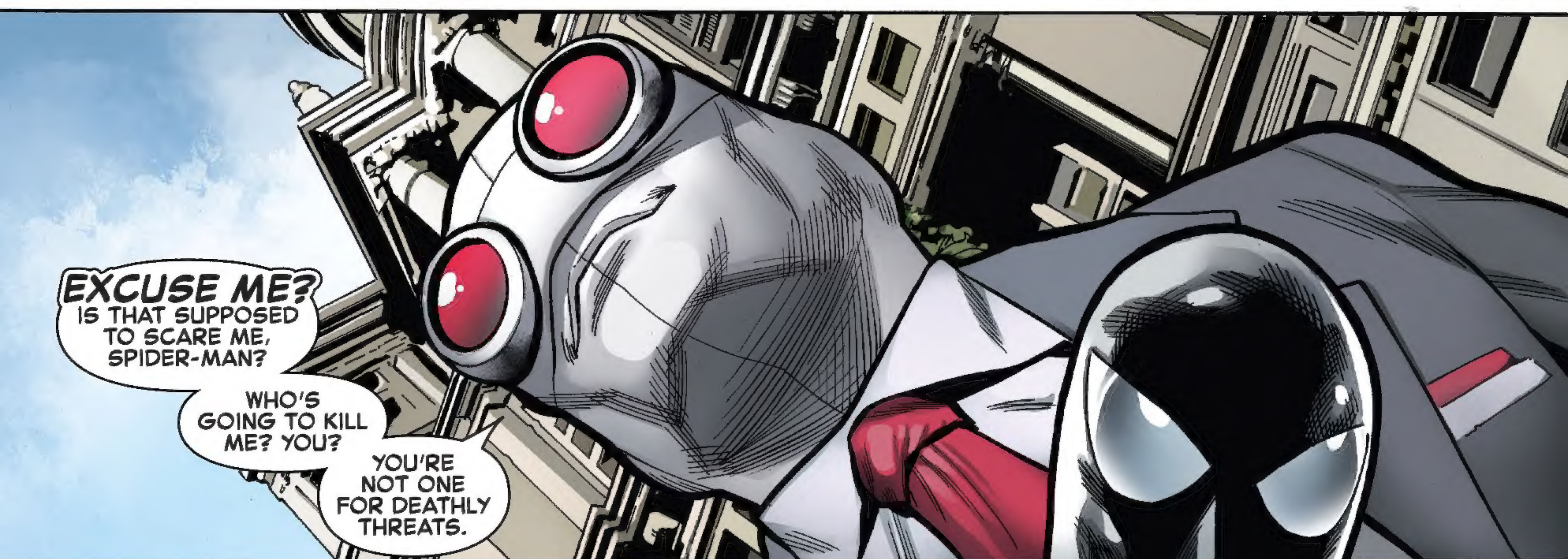


HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS IMPERSONATING HIM?

A FRIEND TOLD ME. NOW YOUR TURN: WHERE'S THE PRESIDENT? IS HE ALIVE?

YES, HE IS. LET ME GO, THOUGH, OR HE DIES.

HOW ABOUT YOU TELL ME WHERE HE IS, OR YOU DIE?



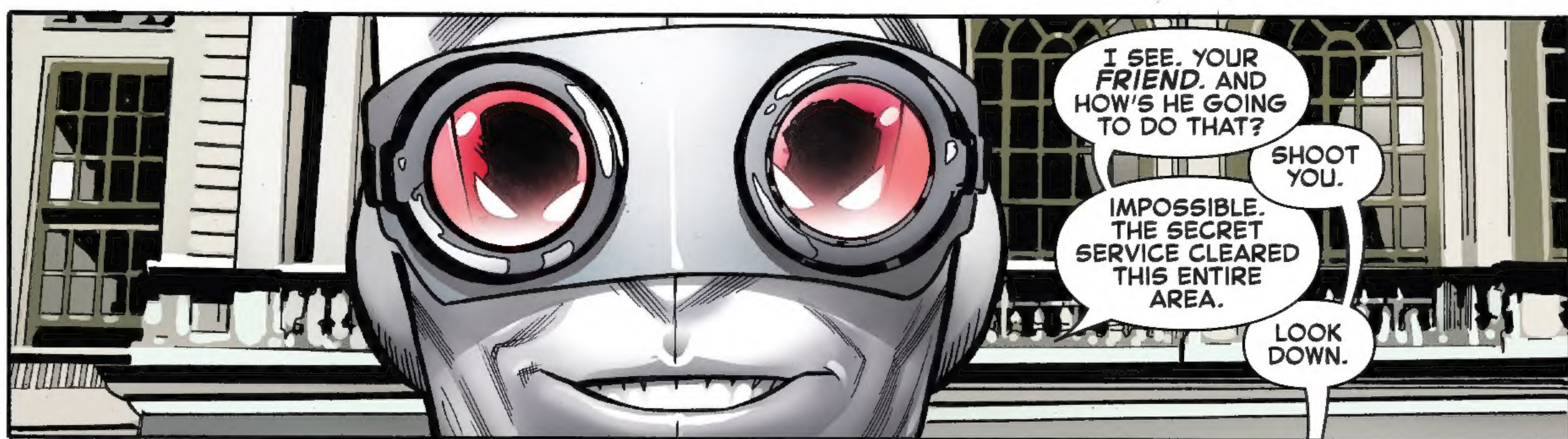
EXCUSE ME? IS THAT SUPPOSED TO SCARE ME, SPIDER-MAN?

WHO'S GOING TO KILL ME? YOU?

YOU'RE NOT ONE FOR DEATHLY THREATS.



NOPE. BUT MY FRIEND, ON THE OTHER HAND...



I SEE. YOUR FRIEND. AND HOW'S HE GOING TO DO THAT?

SHOOT YOU.

IMPOSSIBLE. THE SECRET SERVICE CLEARED THIS ENTIRE AREA.

LOOK DOWN.



LOOK
DOWN AT--

--what?

MAYBE
YOU'VE HEARD
OF MY FRIEND:
HIS NAME'S
FRANK.

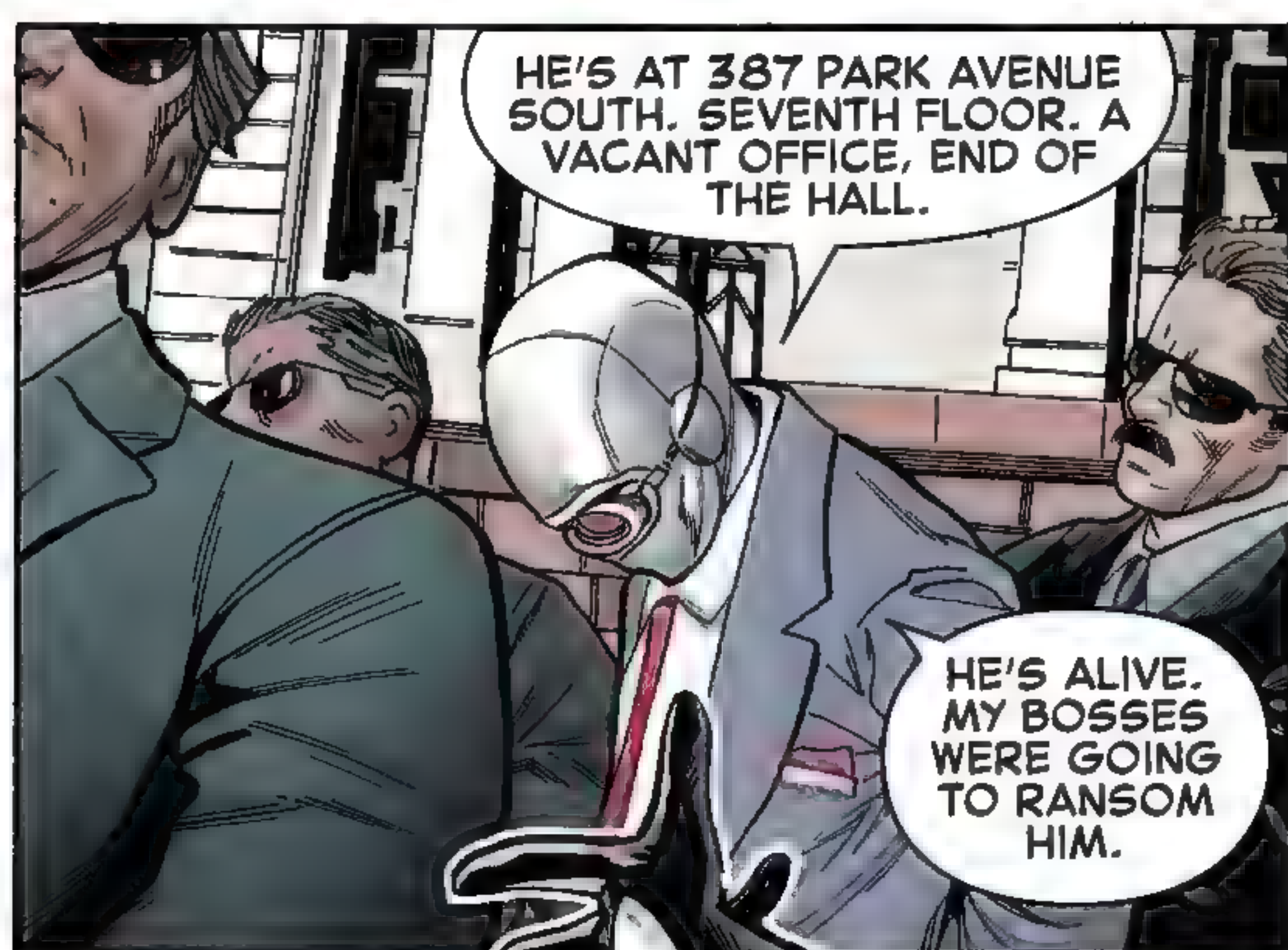


BUT HE'S
GOT ANOTHER
NAME, JUST LIKE
YOU. GOES BY
"THE PUNISHER."



NOW: HE
WON'T KILL YOU
IMMEDIATELY. PROBABLY
SHOOT OUT A KIDNEY
FIRST. THEN YOUR ARMS
AND LEGS. AFTER
THAT, HE'LL GET
CREATIVE.

OR YOU
COULD--



HE'S AT 387 PARK AVENUE
SOUTH. SEVENTH FLOOR. A
VACANT OFFICE, END OF
THE HALL.

HE'S ALIVE.
MY BOSSES
WERE GOING
TO RANSOM
HIM.



GUYS?

387 PARK
AVENUE SOUTH,
SEVENTH FLOOR!
ALL UNITS
CONVERGE!



I'LL MEET
YOUR GUYS
THERE!

JONAH,
A PLEASURE
SAVING YOUR
LIFE, AS
ALWAYS!



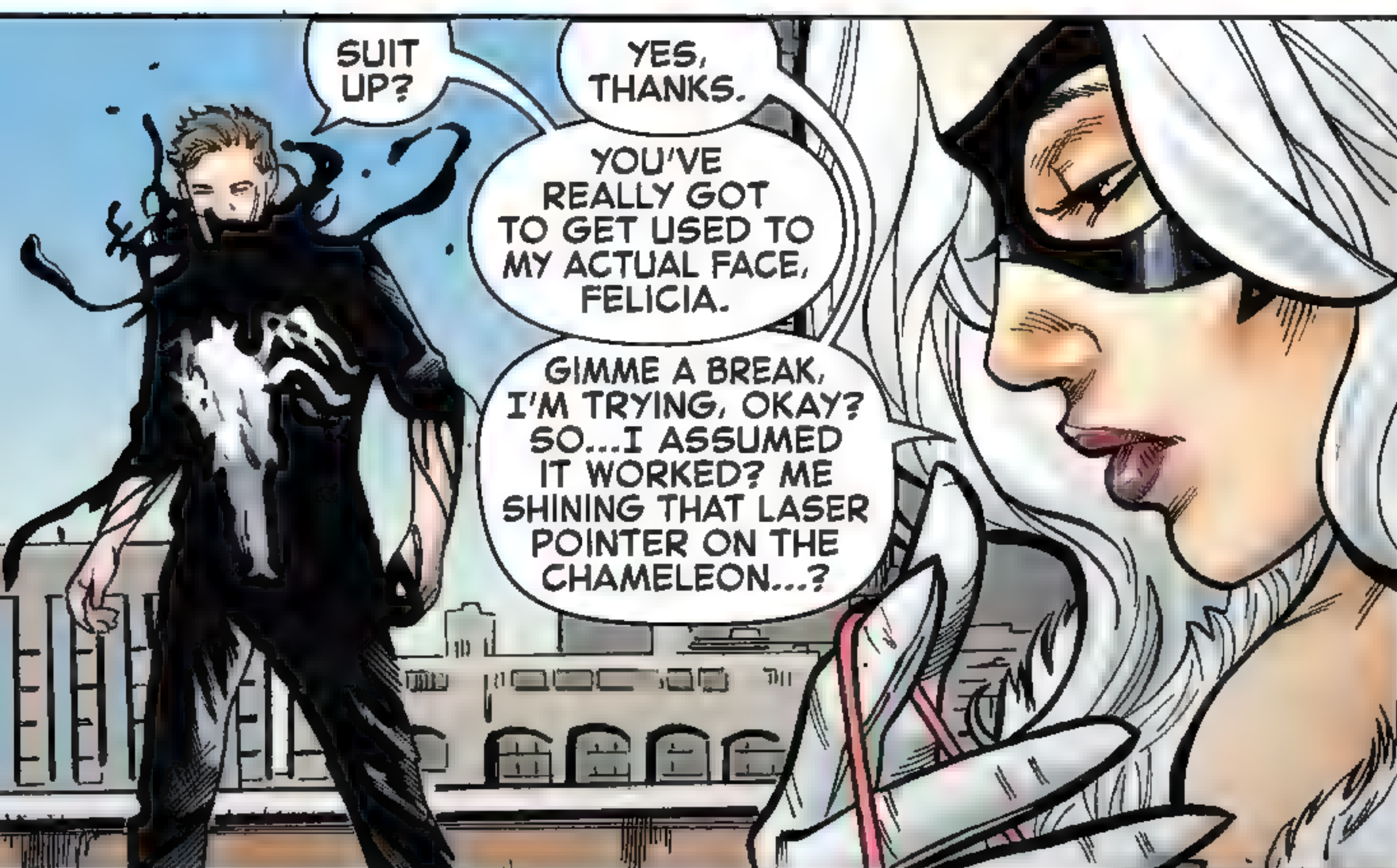


THAT WAS FAST.

WELL, WHEN YOU SEE YOUR GIRLFRIEND PERCHED OUTSIDE A WINDOW, WAVING, YOU TEND TO MOVE.

PETER, COULD YOU, UH...

YOU KNOW.



SUIT UP?

YES, THANKS.

YOU'VE REALLY GOT TO GET USED TO MY ACTUAL FACE, FELICIA.

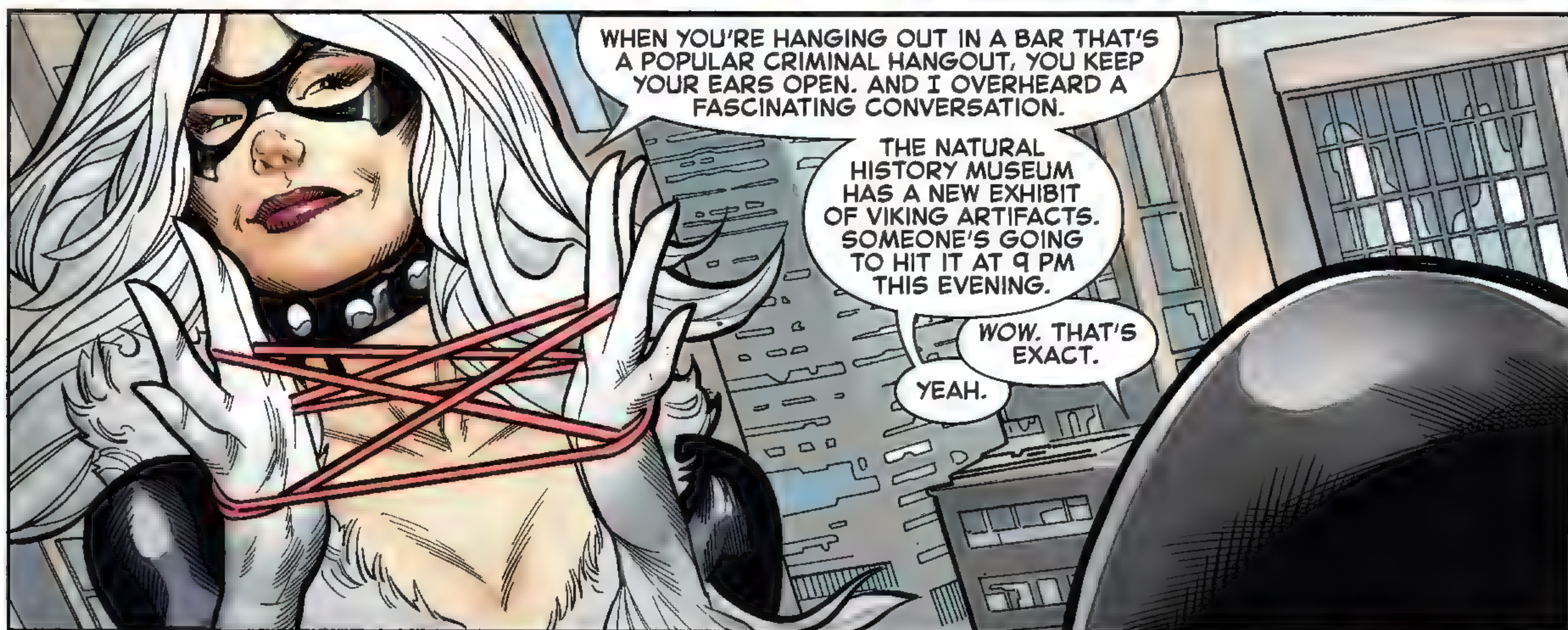
GIMME A BREAK, I'M TRYING, OKAY? SO...I ASSUMED IT WORKED? ME SHINING THAT LASER POINTER ON THE CHAMELEON...?



LIKE A CHARM. HE BOUGHT THE WHOLE STORY. GREAT JOB.

GOOD. AND I'VE GOT ANOTHER TIP FOR YOU. A HEADS-UP ON A ROBBERY.

A HEADS-UP? FROM WHERE?

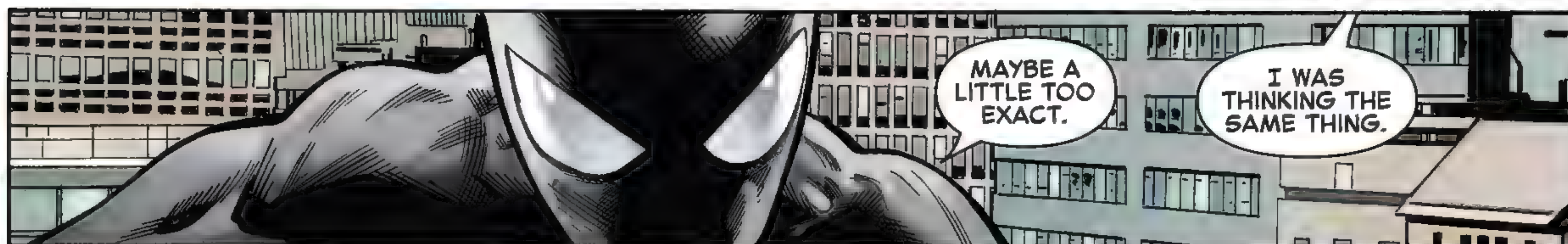


WHEN YOU'RE HANGING OUT IN A BAR THAT'S A POPULAR CRIMINAL HANGOUT, YOU KEEP YOUR EARS OPEN. AND I OVERHEARD A FASCINATING CONVERSATION.

THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM HAS A NEW EXHIBIT OF VIKING ARTIFACTS. SOMEONE'S GOING TO HIT IT AT 9 PM THIS EVENING.

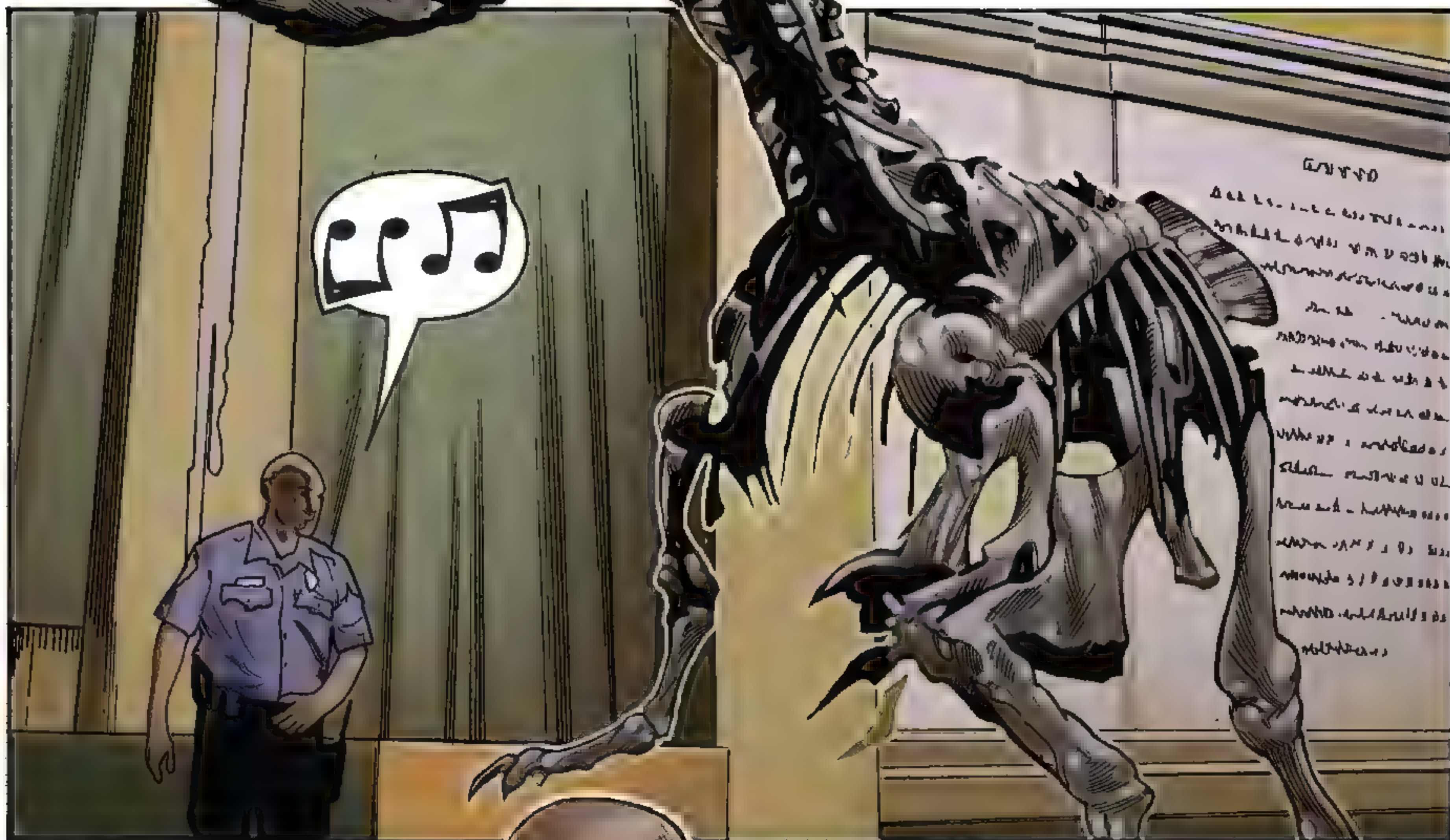
WOW. THAT'S EXACT.

YEAH.



MAYBE A LITTLE TOO EXACT.

I WAS THINKING THE SAME THING.





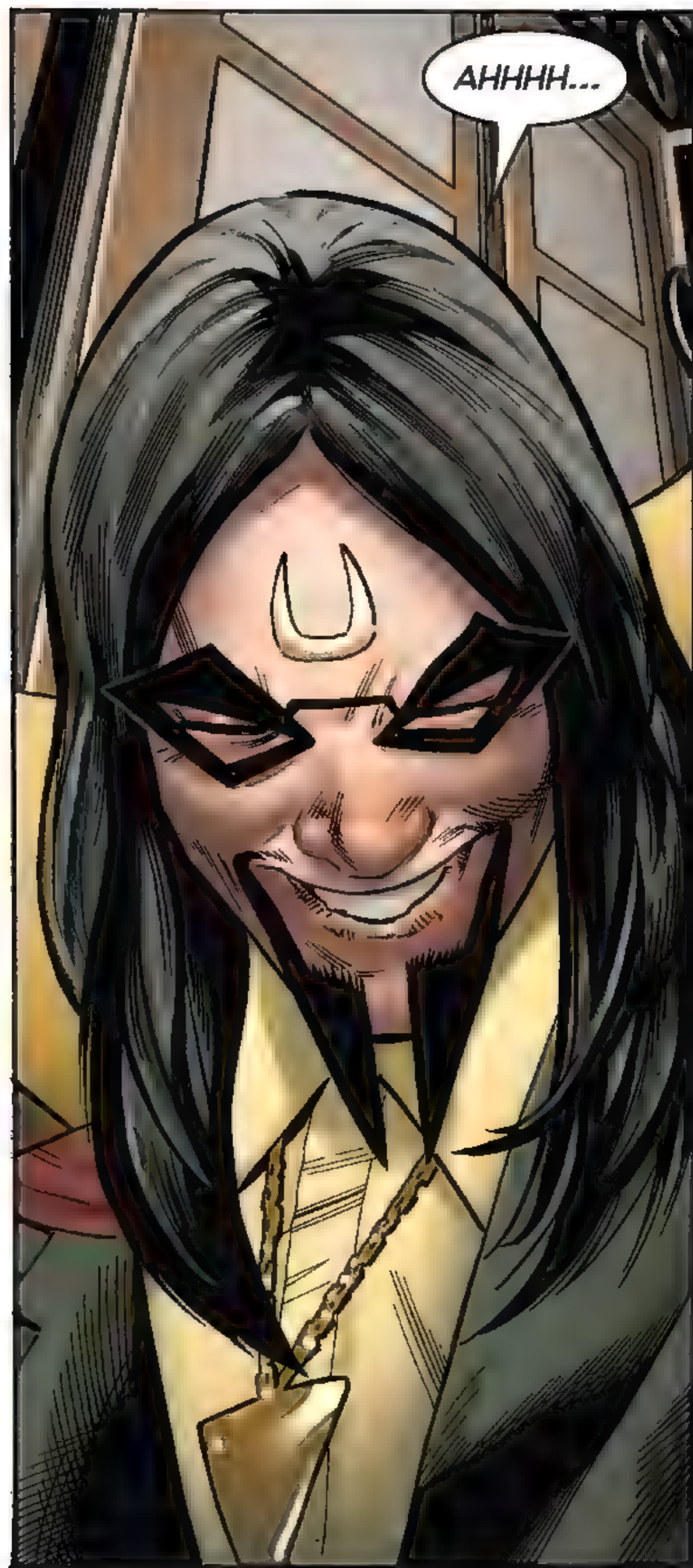
GO
PLAY IN
TRAFFIC.



WHEEEEEEEE!!!



NOW,
WHERE IS
IT? WHEERE
IS IT?



AHHHH...



THERE WE
ARE. THE GLOW
STONE.

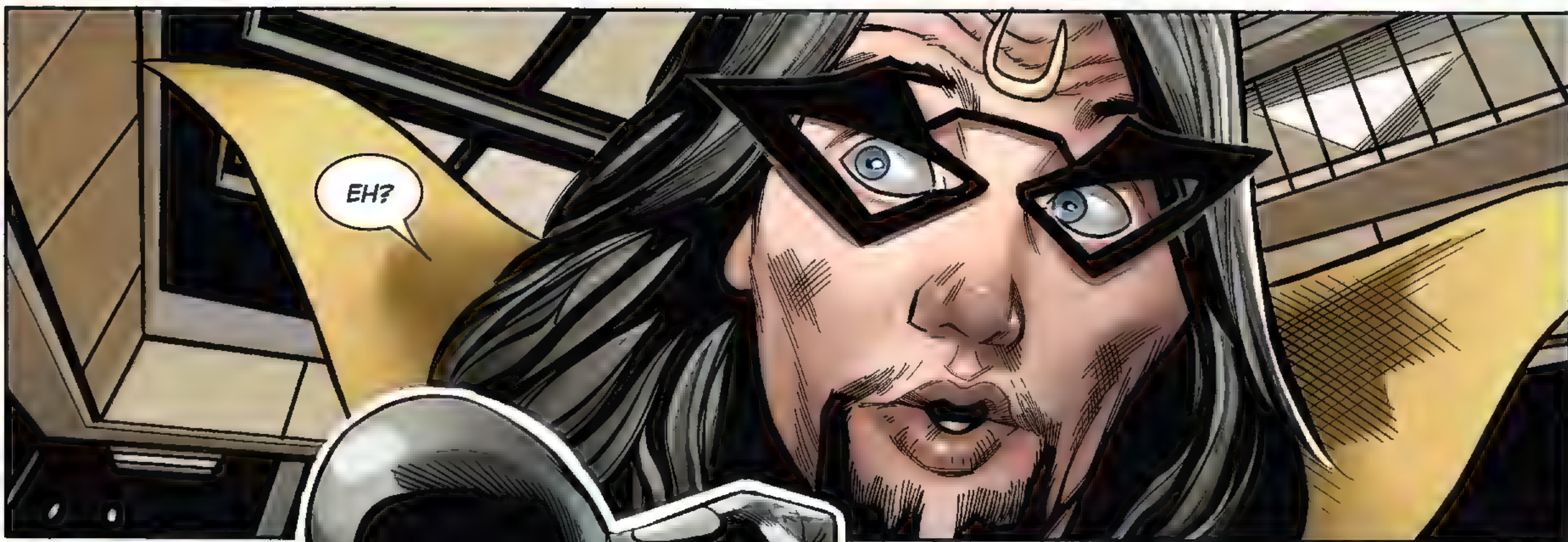
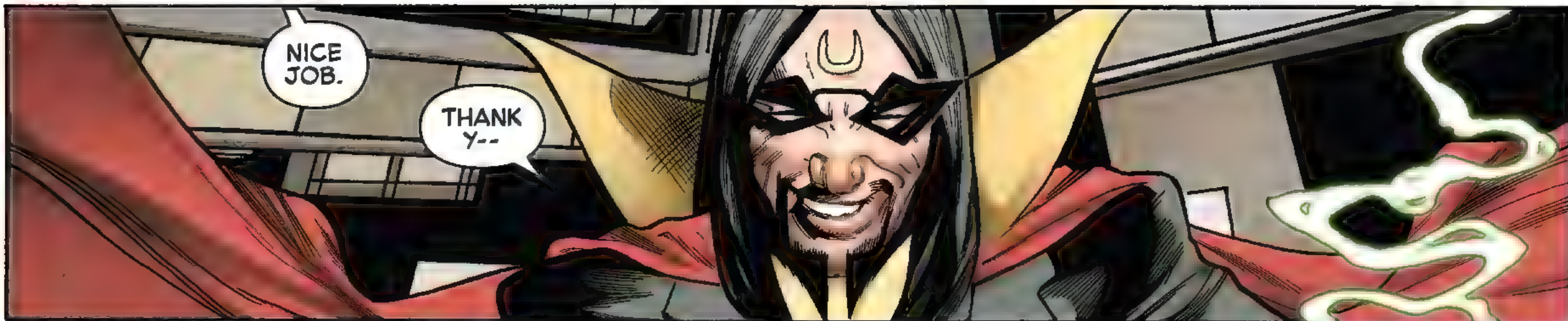
WHAT AN
IMAGINATIVE
NAME.



WELL, THEY
CAN'T ALL BE
WINNERS.

EH?







GOTTA
HAND IT TO YOU--
YOU PULVERIZED
THE CRAP OUT
OF THAT WEB
DUMMY.

YOU'D'VE
TOTALLY
HAD ME IF I
WERE, Y'KNOW,
INCREDIBLY
STUPID.



AND NOW YOU
THINK THAT--EVEN
THOUGH I SEE YOU
PLAINLY--YOU'RE
INVULNERABLE?

GOOD
POINT.



AND IF
YOU CAN'T
SEE ME?

THWIP



NICE
MOVE.

FWAZAAAKK



YEAH.
THAT'S ENOUGH
OF THAT.



YOU HAD
PEOPLE LEAK
YOUR BEING HERE
TO THE BLACK CAT,
KNOWING SHE'D
TELL ME. YES?

KILLING
YOU WHILE
PULLING A JOB.
AN ELEGANT
TWO-FER.

YEAH,
WELL, THAT
DIDN'T EXACTLY
WORK OUT FOR
YOU.

BOYS!
C'MON IN!

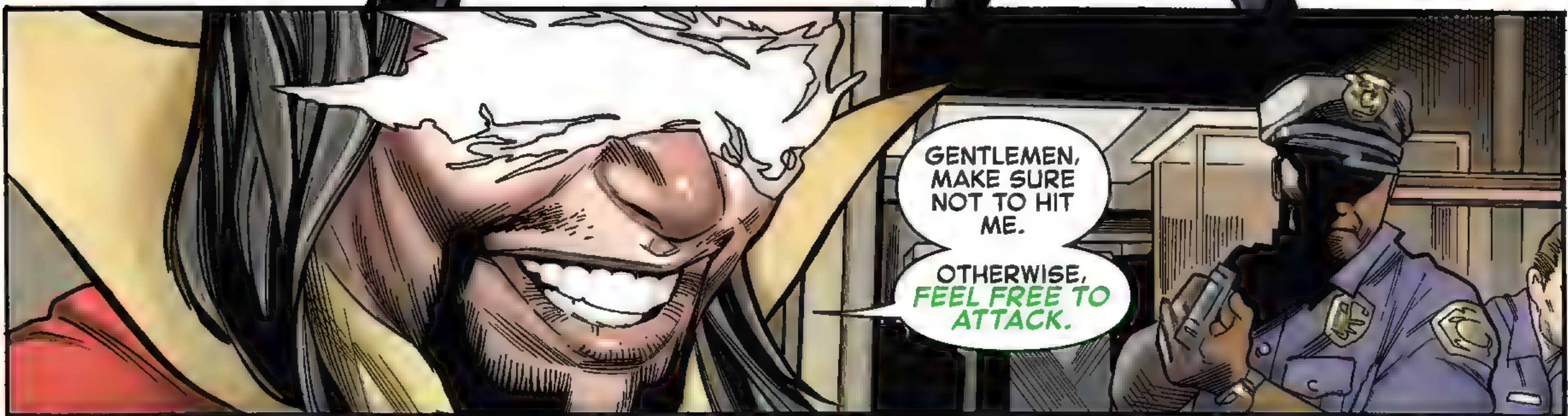
"BOYS"?

UH-HUH.

IT'S AMAZING
HOW COOPERATIVE
THE NYPD CAN BE WHEN
YOU SAVE THE PRESIDENT
AND THEY FEEL THEY
OWE YOU ONE.

AND WITH
YOUR EYES
COVERED, I FIGURE
YOU'RE HARMLESS
ENOUGH.









NOW...
BACK TO
WORK.



THERE
WE ARE.



ARRRHHH!

GOD, THAT
WAS LIKE
RIPPING OFF A
HUNDRED BAND-
AIDS AT
ONCE.



THOSE
POLICE OFFICERS
WON'T DISTRACT
SPIDER-MAN FOR LONG.
SO I'D BEST TAKE
CARE OF BUSINESS
AND--



EH?



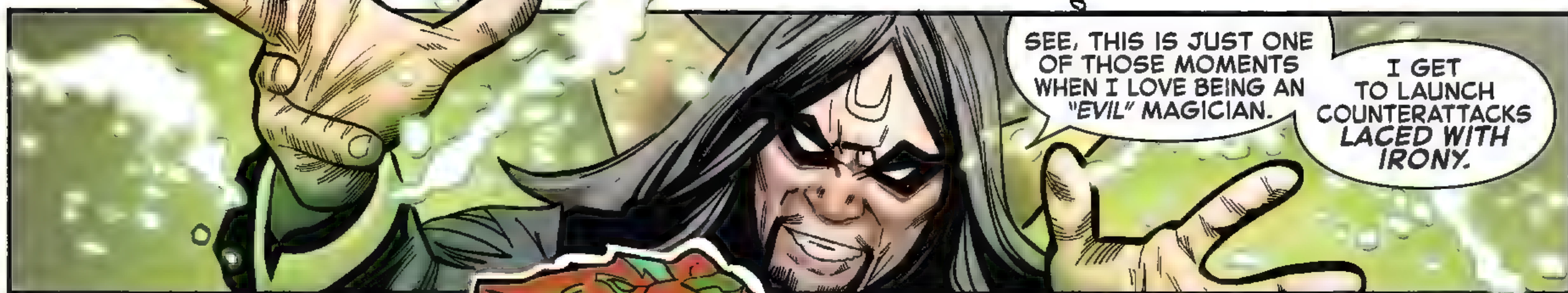
WUGUMFFFF



I DON'T LIKE BEING USED, JERK FACE.

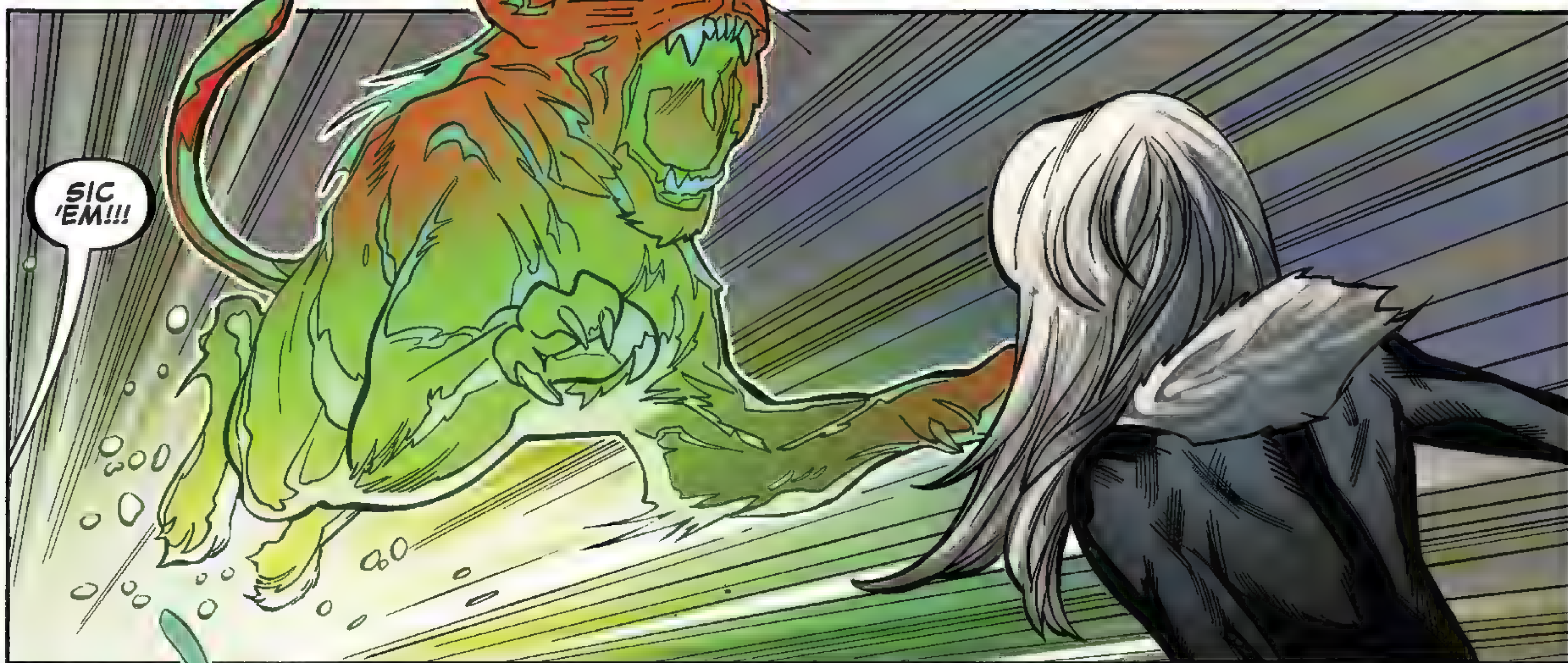
YOU SET ME UP IN ORDER TO TAKE DOWN SPIDER. CAN'T SAY I APPRECIATE THAT.

AND I'M GONNA TAKE IT OUT OF YOUR HIDE!



SEE, THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS WHEN I LOVE BEING AN "EVIL" MAGICIAN.

I GET TO LAUNCH COUNTERATTACKS LACED WITH IRONY.



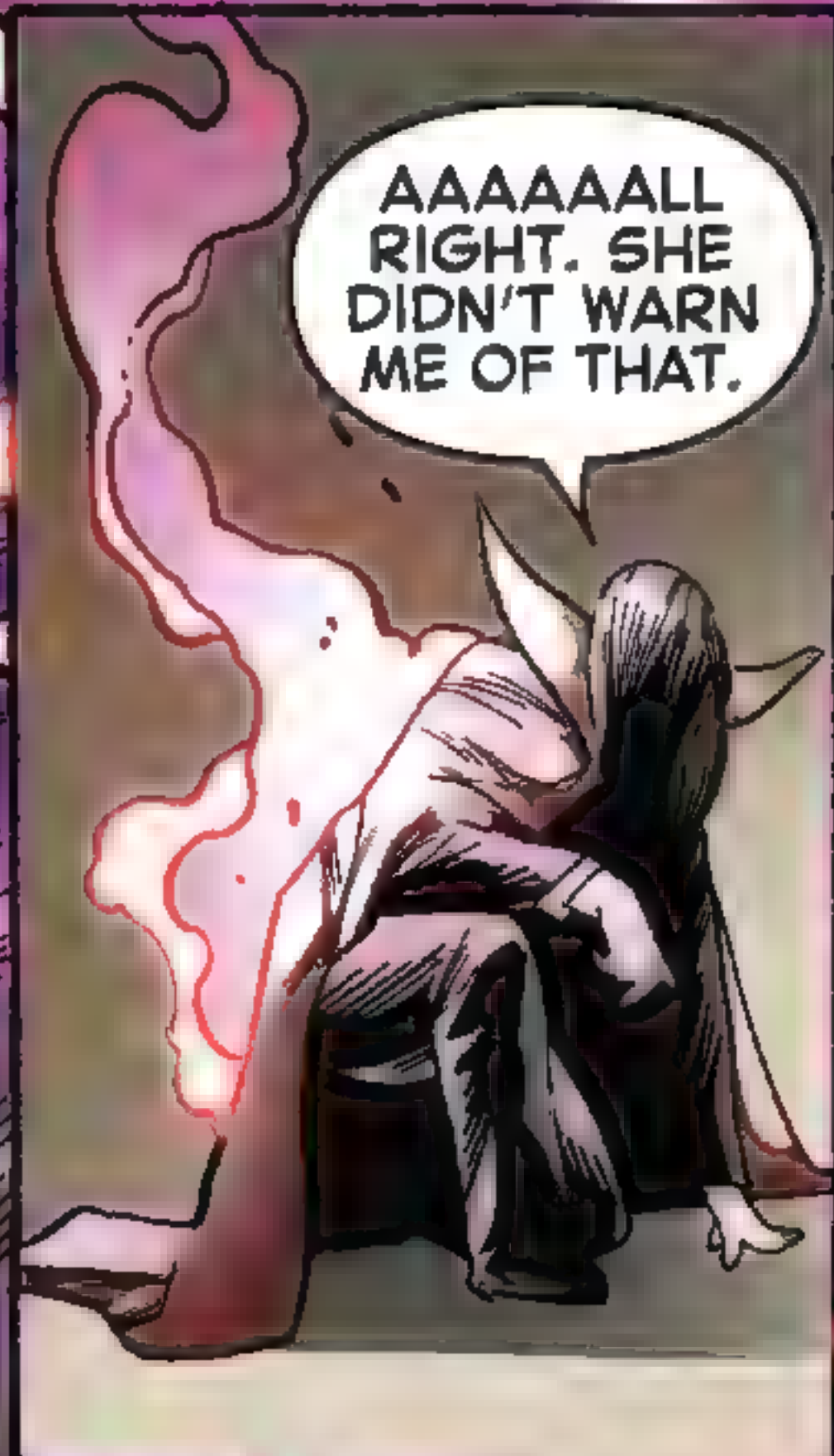
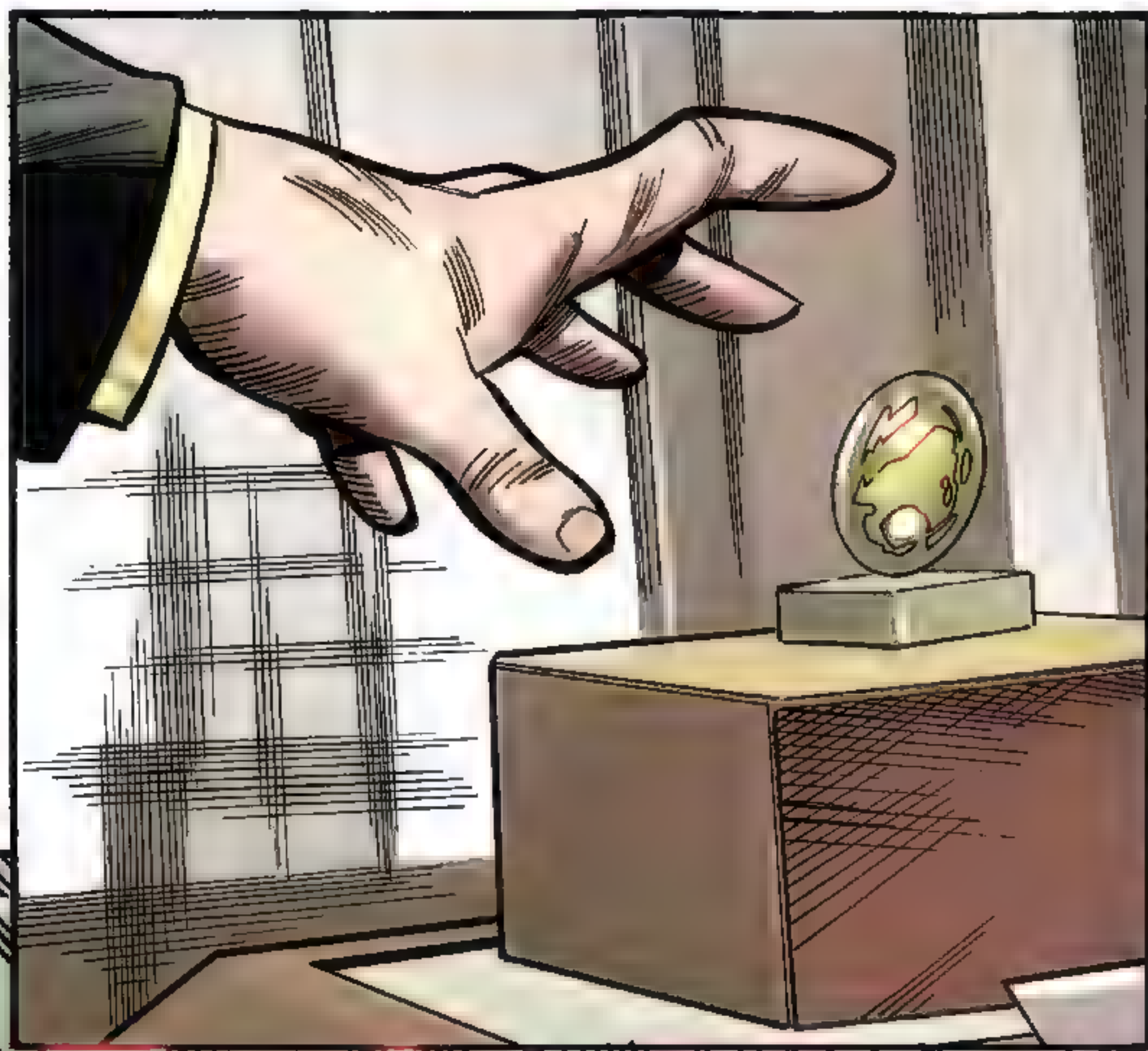
SIC 'EM!!!



YOU SAY "SIC 'EM" TO A DOG, YOU MORON!



EVERYONE'S A CRITIC.

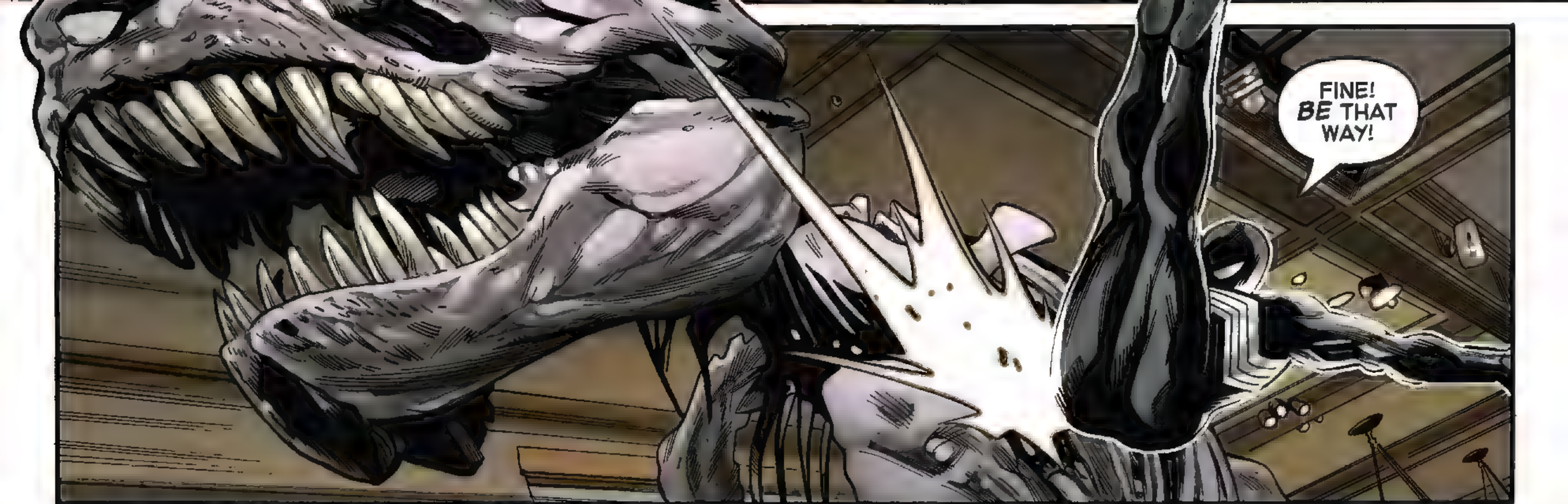




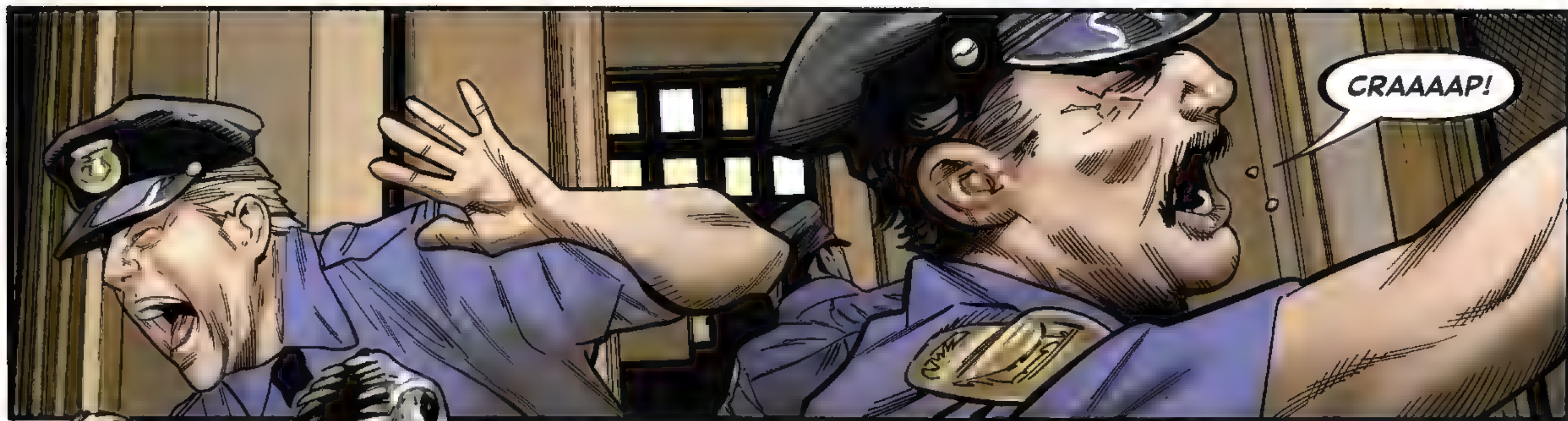
GUYS! CAN WE STOP WITH THE SHOOTING, PLEASE?!

LUCKILY THERE ARE NO CIVILIANS HERE, BUT I'VE GOTTA END THIS NOW!

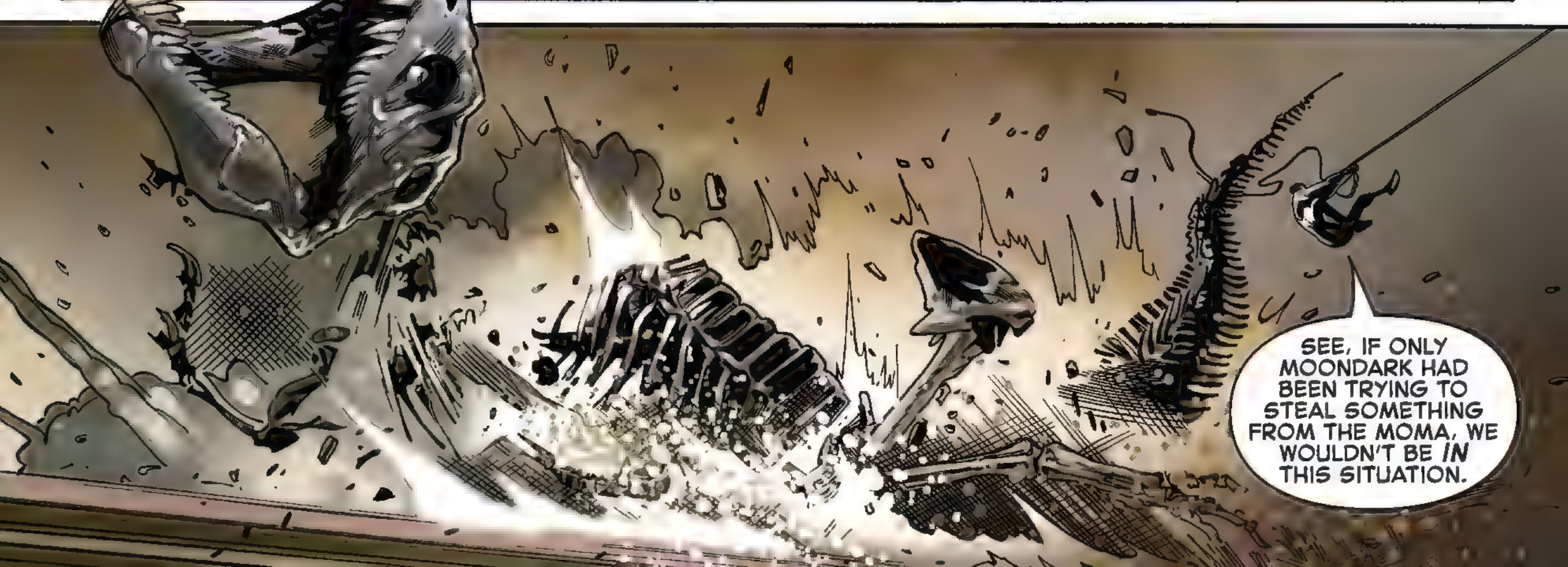
BLAAM
BLAAM
BLAAM



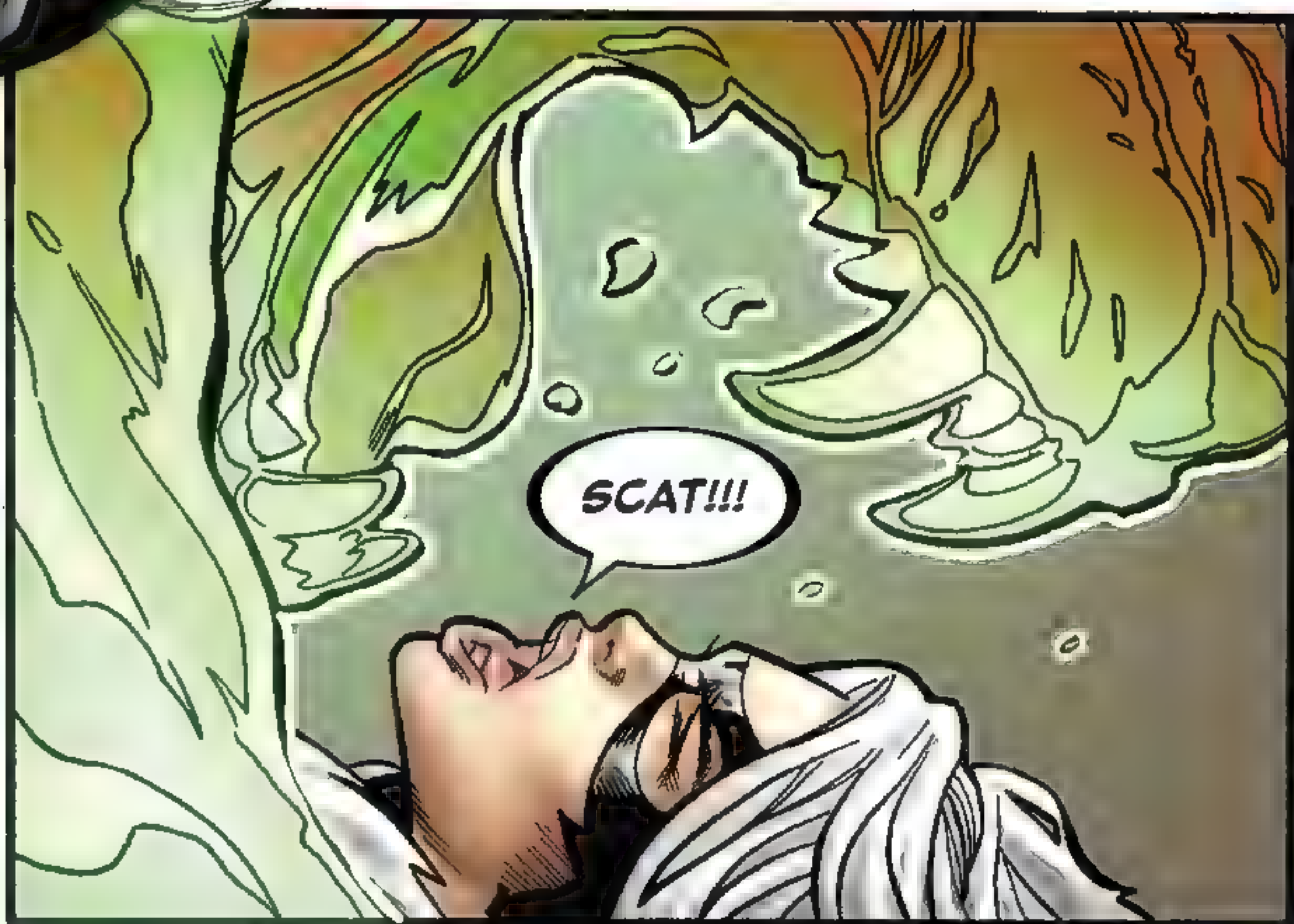
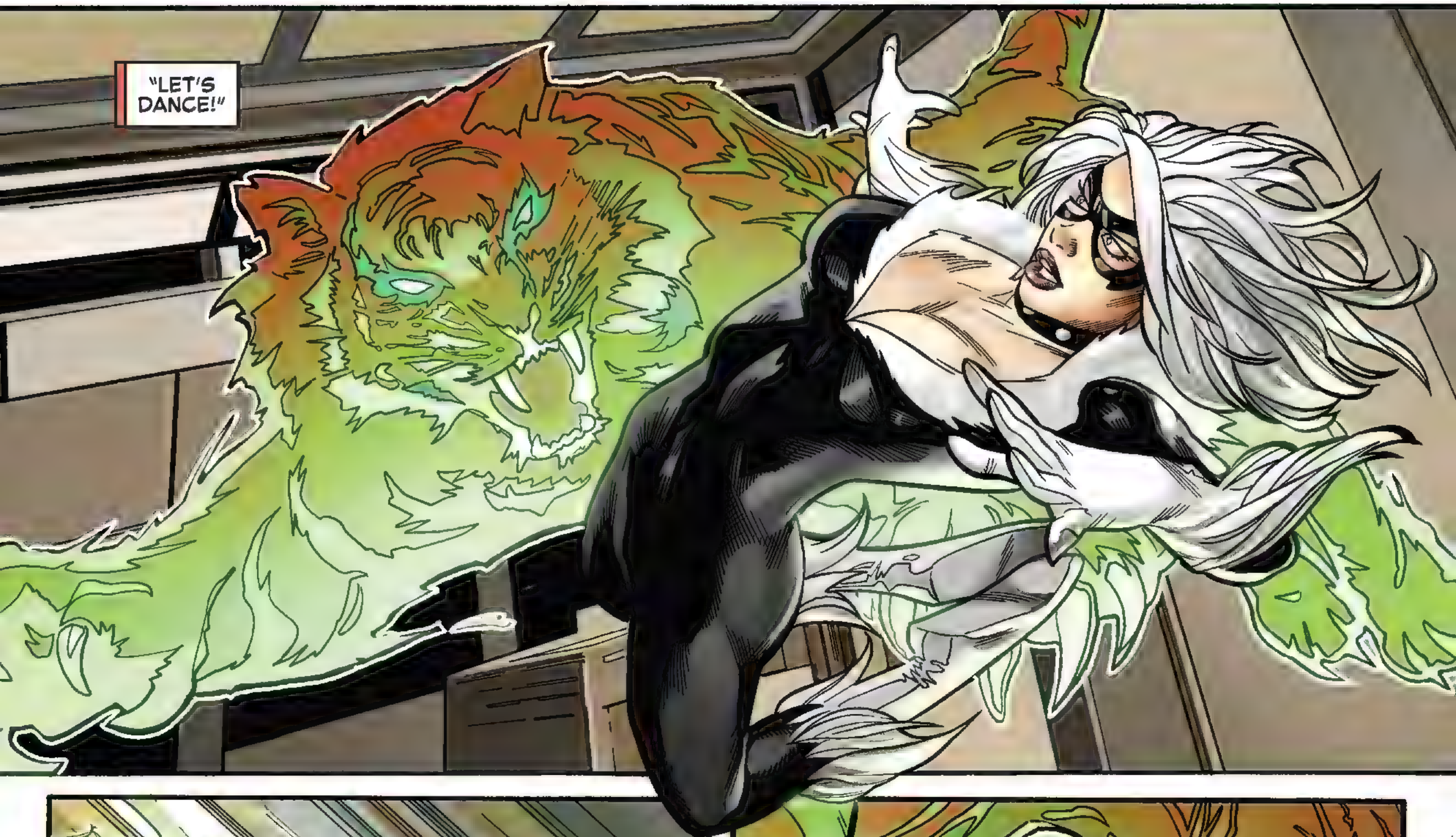
FINE!
BE THAT WAY!

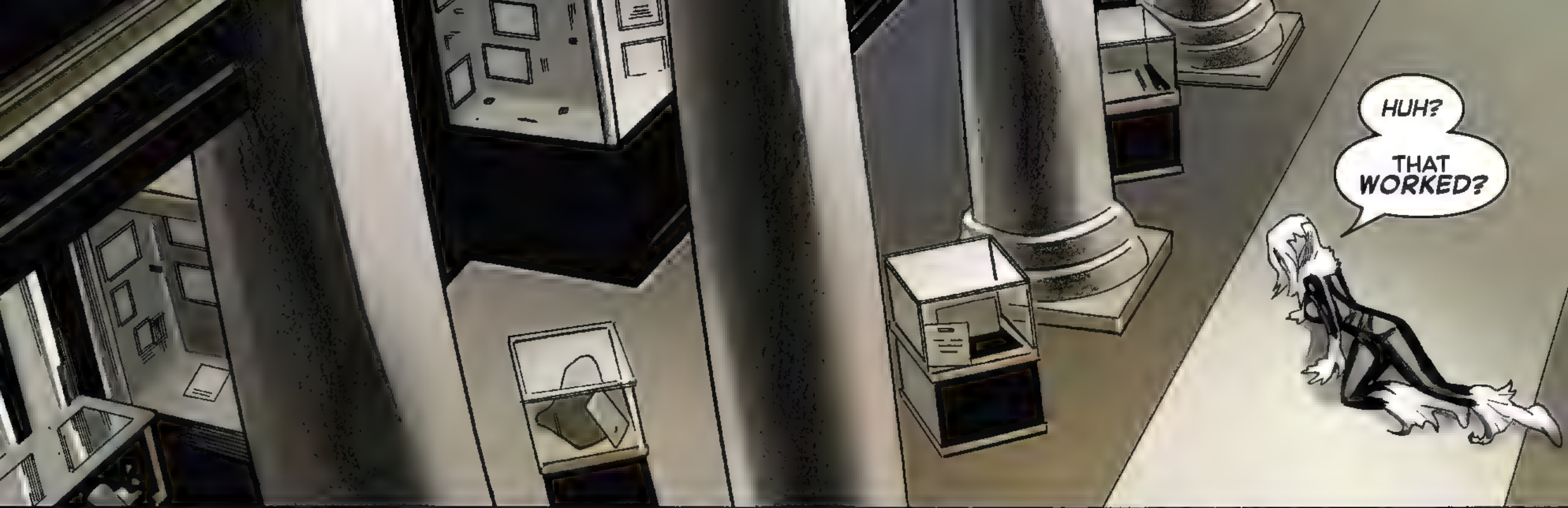


CRAAAP!

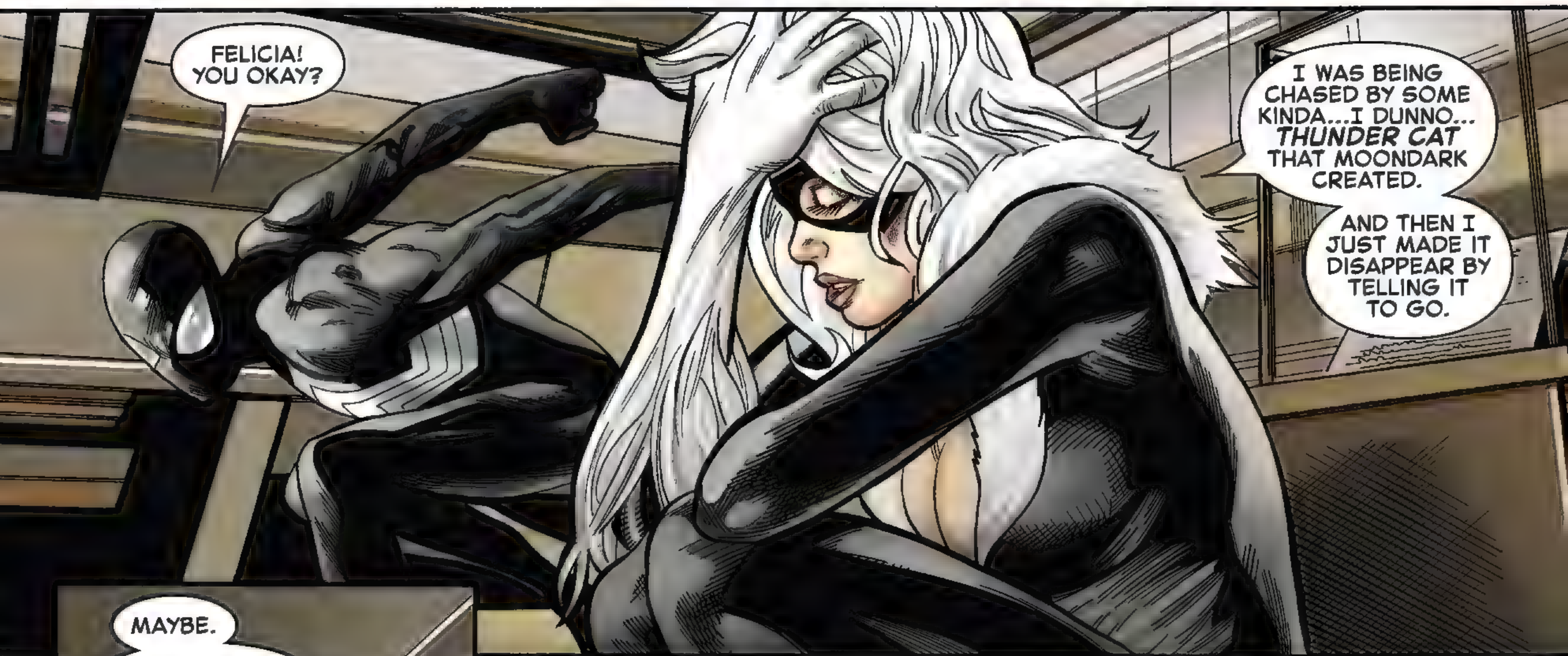


SEE, IF ONLY MOONDAK HAD BEEN TRYING TO STEAL SOMETHING FROM THE MOMA, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS SITUATION.





HUH?
THAT
WORKED?



FELICIA!
YOU OKAY?

I WAS BEING
CHASED BY SOME
KINDA...I DUNNO...
THUNDER CAT
THAT MOONDARK
CREATED.

AND THEN I
JUST MADE IT
DISAPPEAR BY
TELLING IT
TO GO.



MAYBE.
OR MAYBE
HE'S USING SO
MUCH POWER FOR
SOMETHING ELSE
THAT HE HAD TO
CONCENTRATE
IT ALL.

WHAT'S HE
USING IT ON?
DID **DOCTOR
STRANGE** SHOW
UP TO HELP?



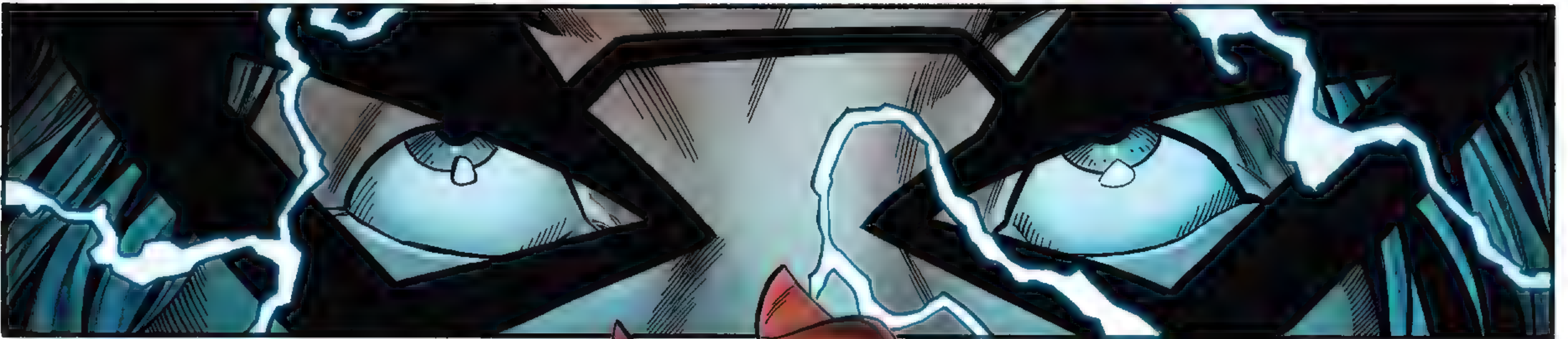
I SAY
WE FIND
OUT...

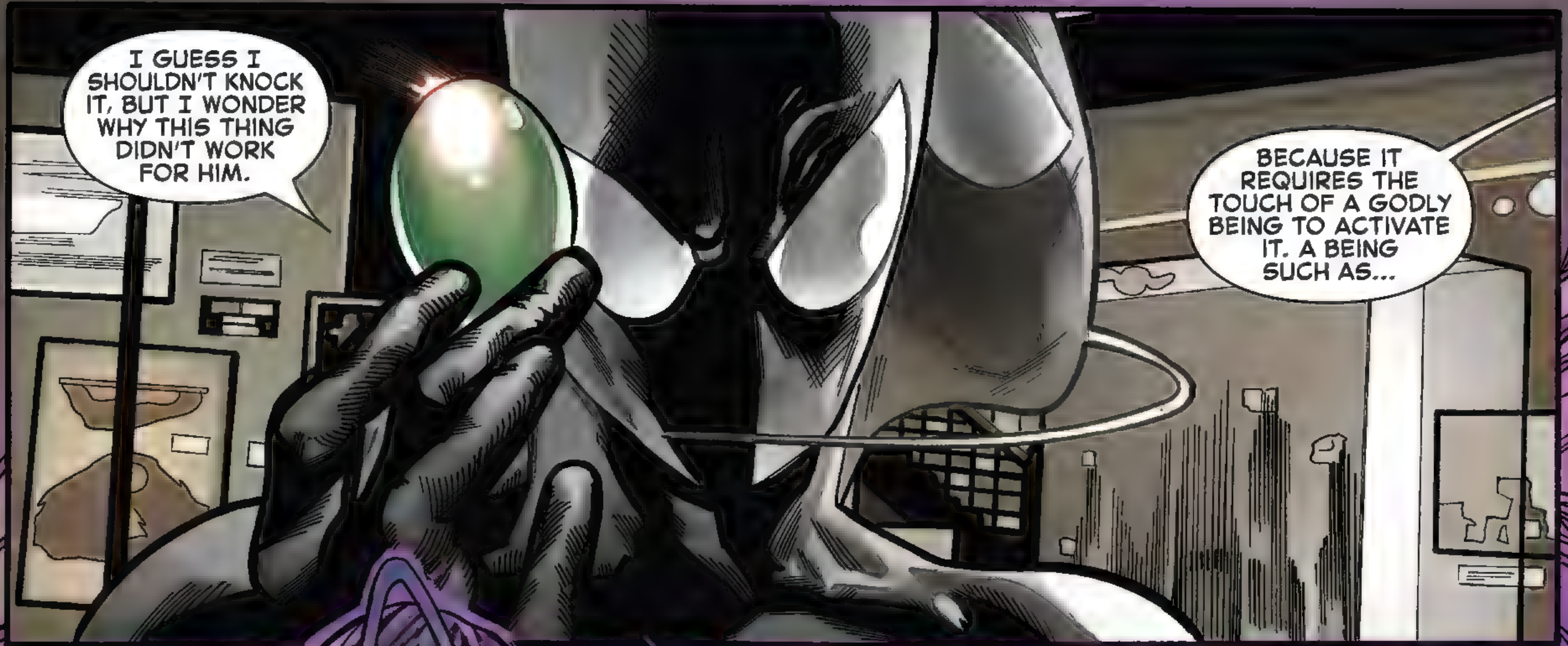


"...BEFORE IT'S
TOO LATE."









I GUESS I
SHOULDN'T KNOCK
IT, BUT I WONDER
WHY THIS THING
DIDN'T WORK
FOR HIM.

BECAUSE IT
REQUIRES THE
TOUCH OF A GODLY
BEING TO ACTIVATE
IT. A BEING
SUCH AS...

KARNILLA the NORN QUEEN



THE STONE
WAS SURROUNDED
BY A CHARM THAT
PREVENTED MY KIND
FROM HANDLING IT
AND SHIELDED IT
FROM MAGIC
USERS.

BUT
MOONDARK
ATTENDED TO
THAT FOR ME. WERE
HE CONSCIOUS, I
WOULD THANK
HIM.

NOW
THEN...

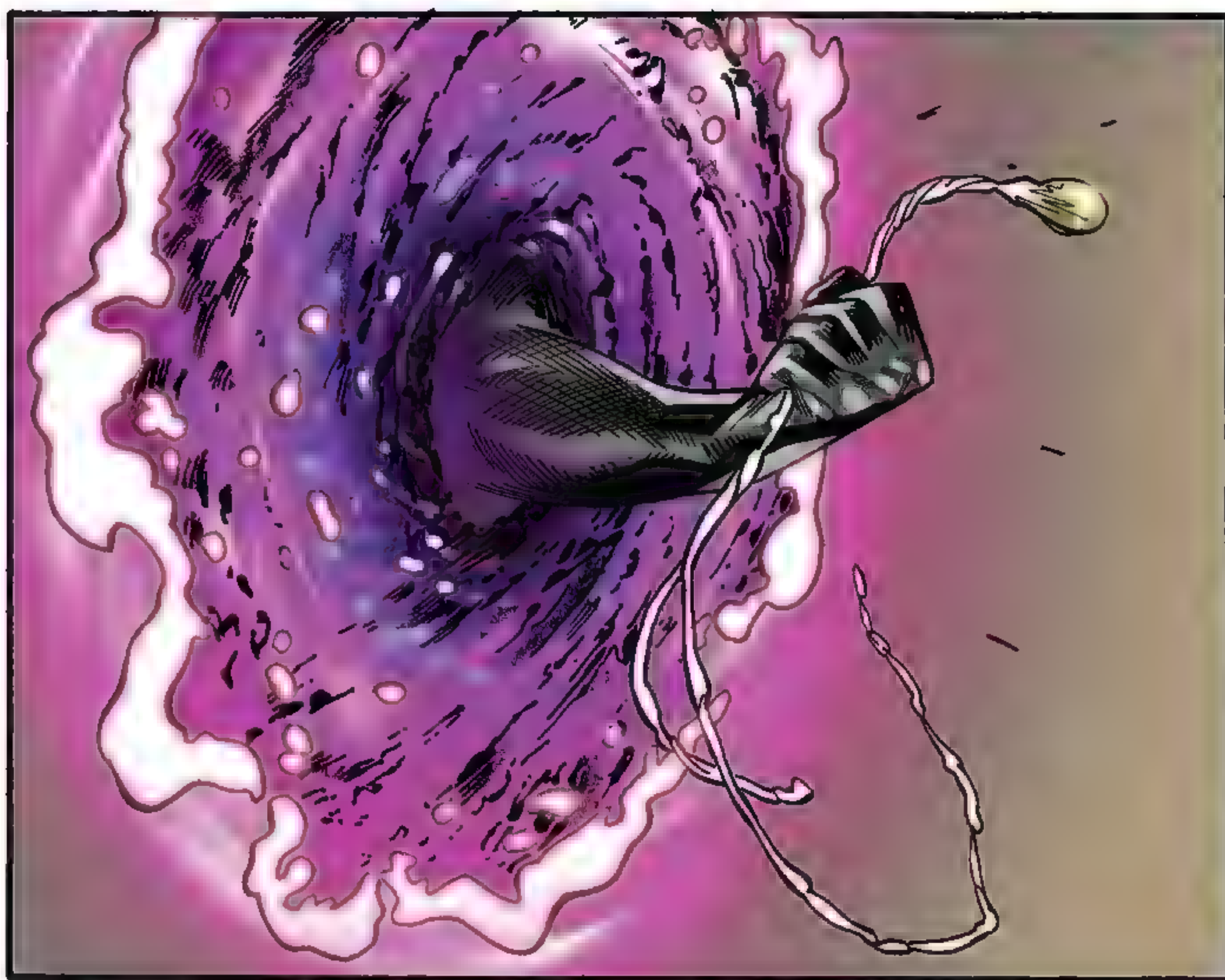
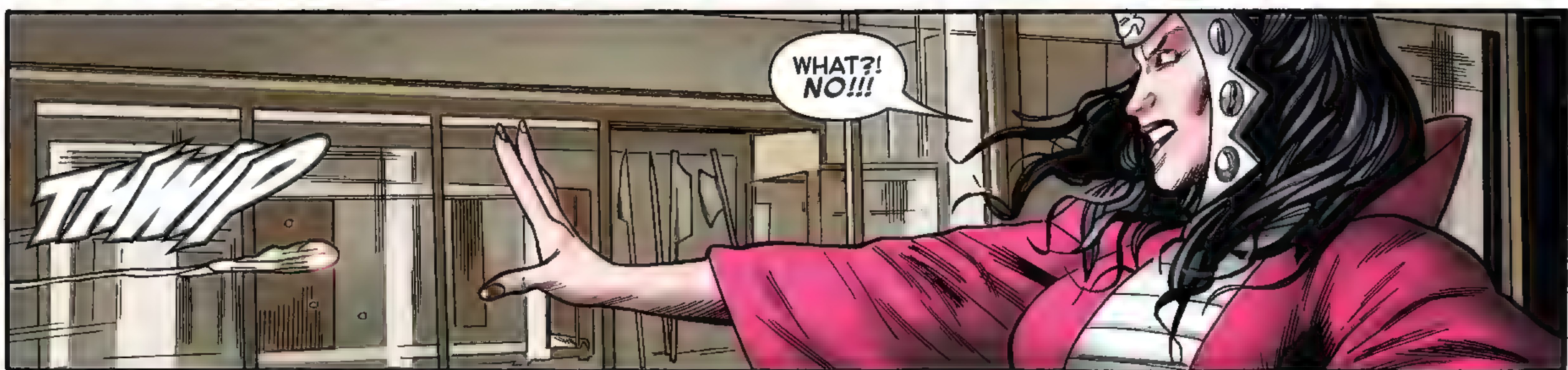
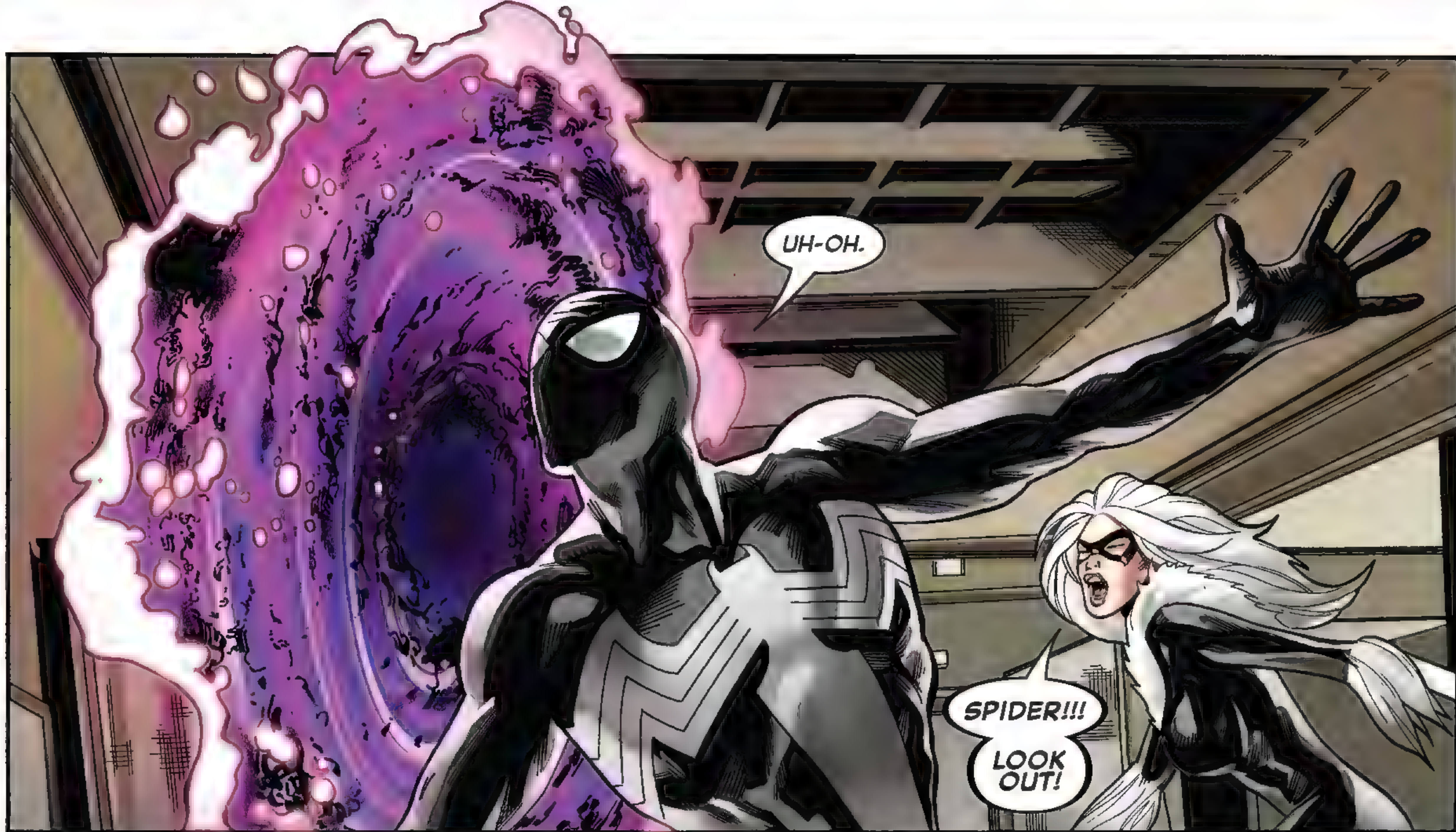


...ON TO BUSINESS.

AHHHH...I CAN FEEL THE POWER...

GOTTA MOVE QUICKLY. IF SHE'S REALLY SOME SORT OF GODDESS, SHE WON'T EXPECT A DIRECT ATTACK.

YOU DARE?!





OOOOOFFFF!!!

WHERE AM I?



RRRRRRRRRR...

OH,
YOU GOTTA
BE KIDDING
ME.



RAAAAAAAWR!

UH...

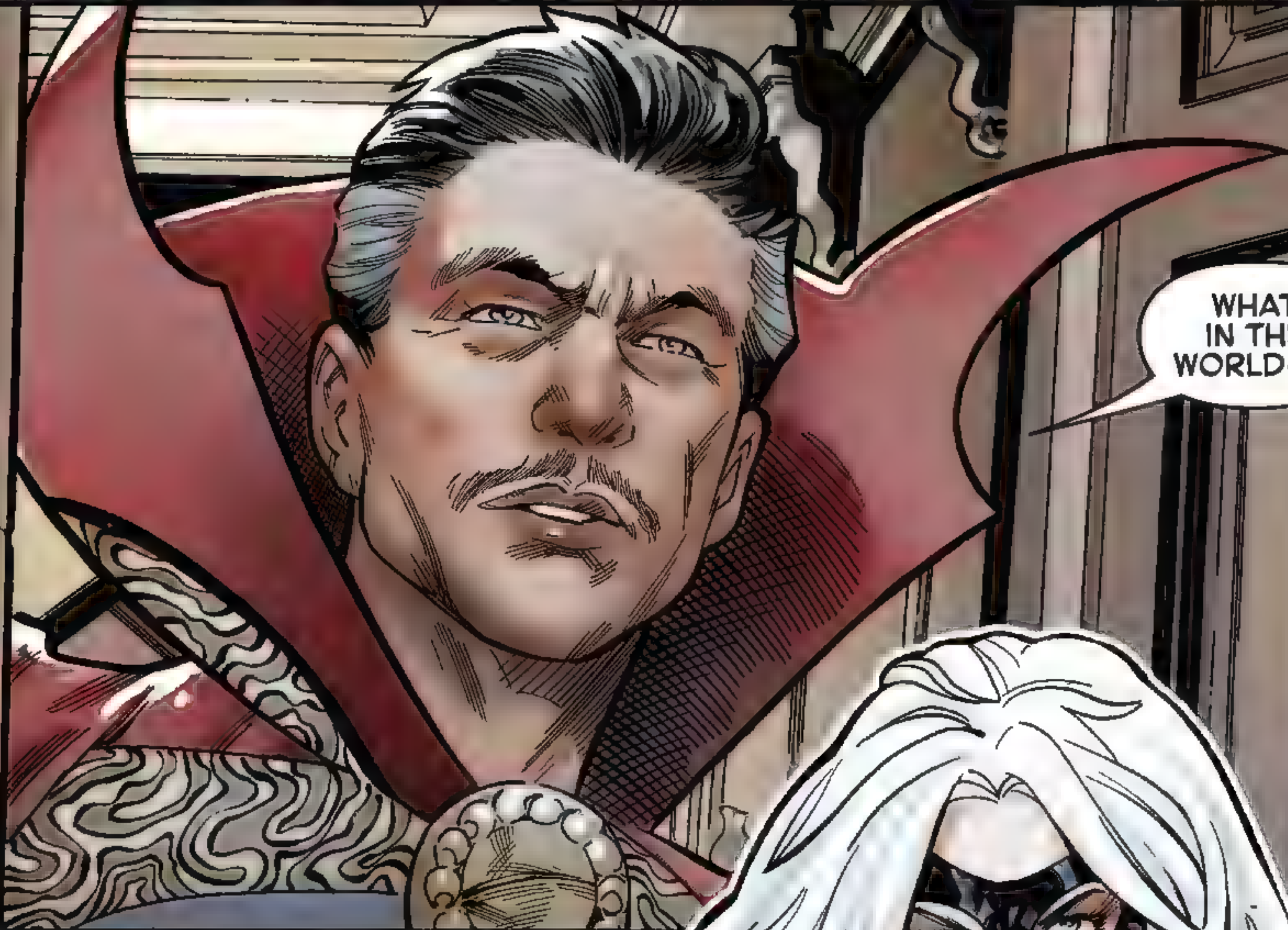
HI,
HULK.
HOW'S IT
GOING?





DOCTOR STRAAAAANGE!!!

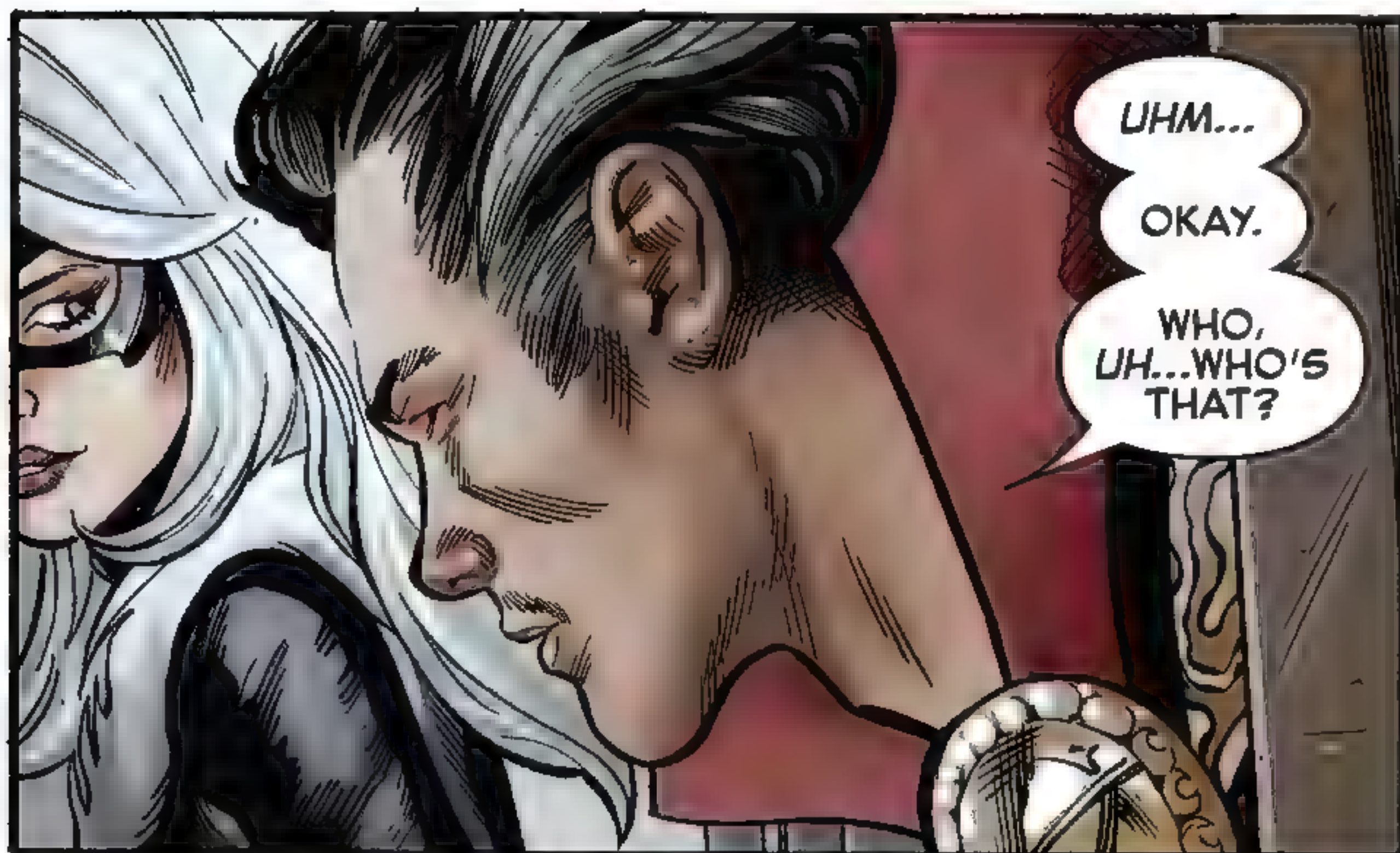
BANG
BANG
BANG



WHAT
IN THE
WORLD--?



THERE
WAS THIS STONE, IT WAS
CALLED A **NUN** STONE OR
SOMETHING, AND THIS GUY,
MOONDARK, WANTED TO STEAL IT
FROM THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM
BUT IT DIDN'T WORK AND SPIDER AND I
STOPPED HIM AND WE KNOCKED HIM OUT
AND THEN THIS WOMAN APPEARED,
CARMELLA, I THINK, AND SHE WANTED
IT AND SPIDER HAD IT AND SHE
DISAPPEARED HIM BUT HE
GRABBED THE STONE AND NOW
HE'S GONE AND YOU GOTTA
GET HIM BACK.



UHM...

OKAY.

WHO,
UH...WHO'S
THAT?



MOONDARK.
WEREN'T YOU
LISTENING? LOCK
HIM UP SOMEWHERE
AND THEN FORGET
HIM.

WE NEED TO
FIND SPIDER,
WHEREVER
HE IS!

THE CROSSROADS
DIMENSION.

KAAAAAARGHHHHH!

GEEZ
LOUISE,
HULK! CALM
DOWN!

I DON'T
WANNA BE HERE
ANY MORE THAN
YOU DO!

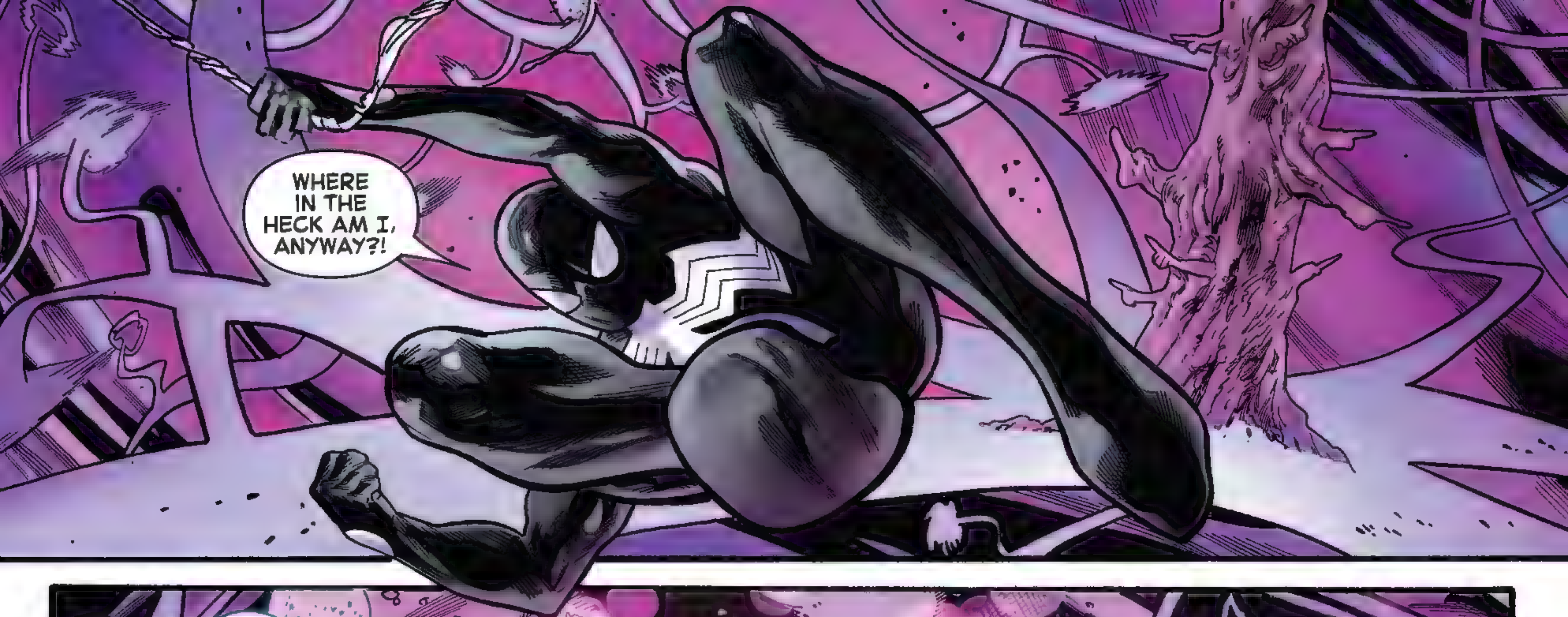
LAST TIME I
HEARD ANYTHING
FROM THE HULK, HE'D
GONE COMPLETELY
BERSERK AND WAS
TRASHING MIDTOWN. I
BARELY MANAGED TO
SAVE SOME PEOPLE
FROM HIM.

DOCTOR
STRANGE SENT
HIM OFF INTO
ANOTHER DIMENSION,
WHERE HE WOULDN'T
BE ABLE TO HURT
ANYONE EVER
AGAIN.*

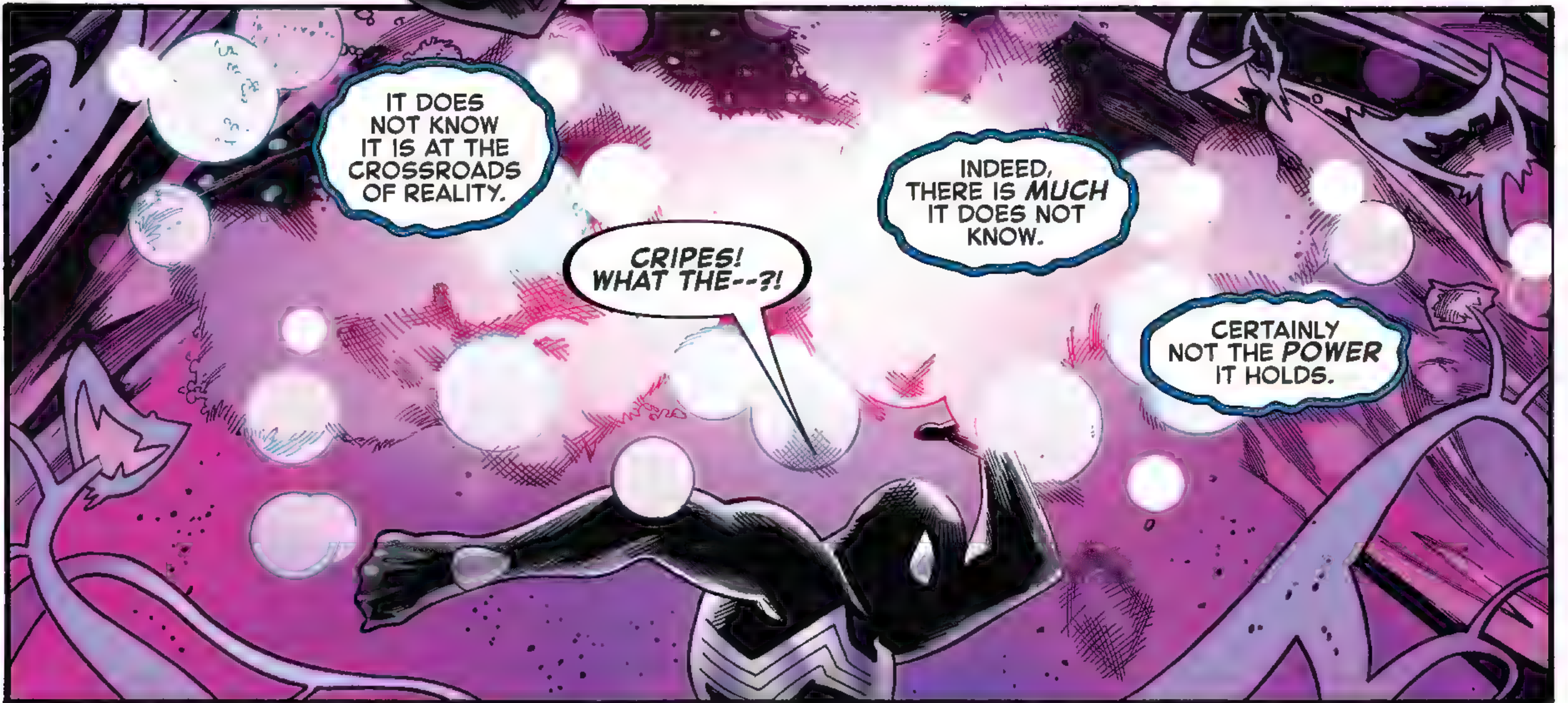
YEAH.
SO MUCH
FOR THAT
PLAN.

THWOPPOOZZZ

*IN THE NOW CLASSIC
INCREDIBLE HULK #300! --DK



WHERE
IN THE
HECK AM I,
ANYWAY?!



IT DOES
NOT KNOW
IT IS AT THE
CROSSROADS
OF REALITY.

INDEED,
THERE IS *MUCH*
IT DOES NOT
KNOW.

CRIPES!
WHAT THE--?!

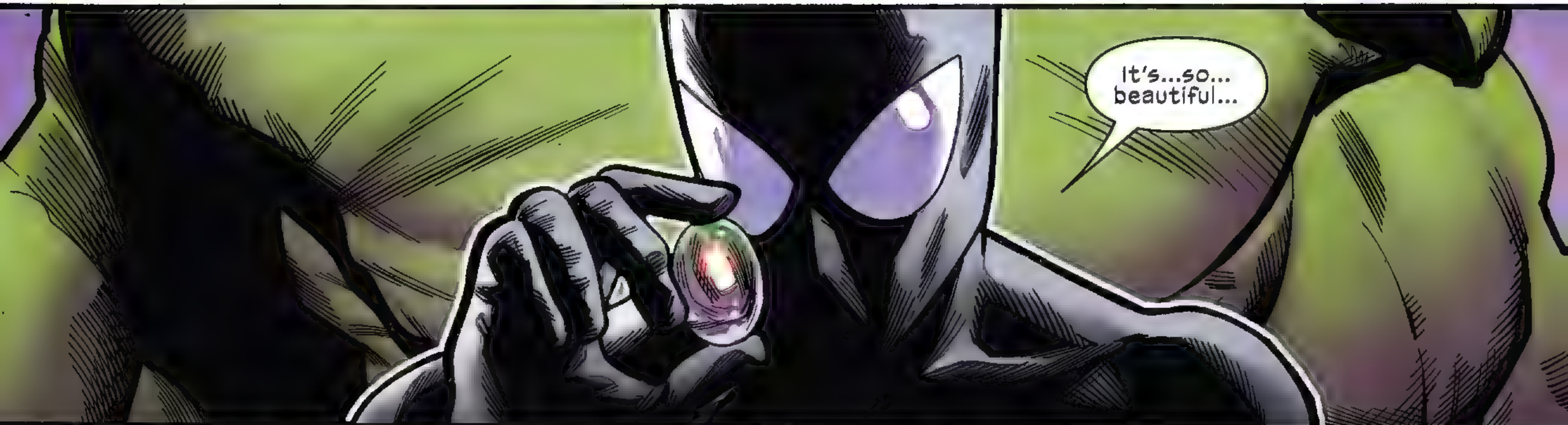
CERTAINLY
NOT THE *POWER*
IT HOLDS.



POWER?
YOU MEAN
THIS--



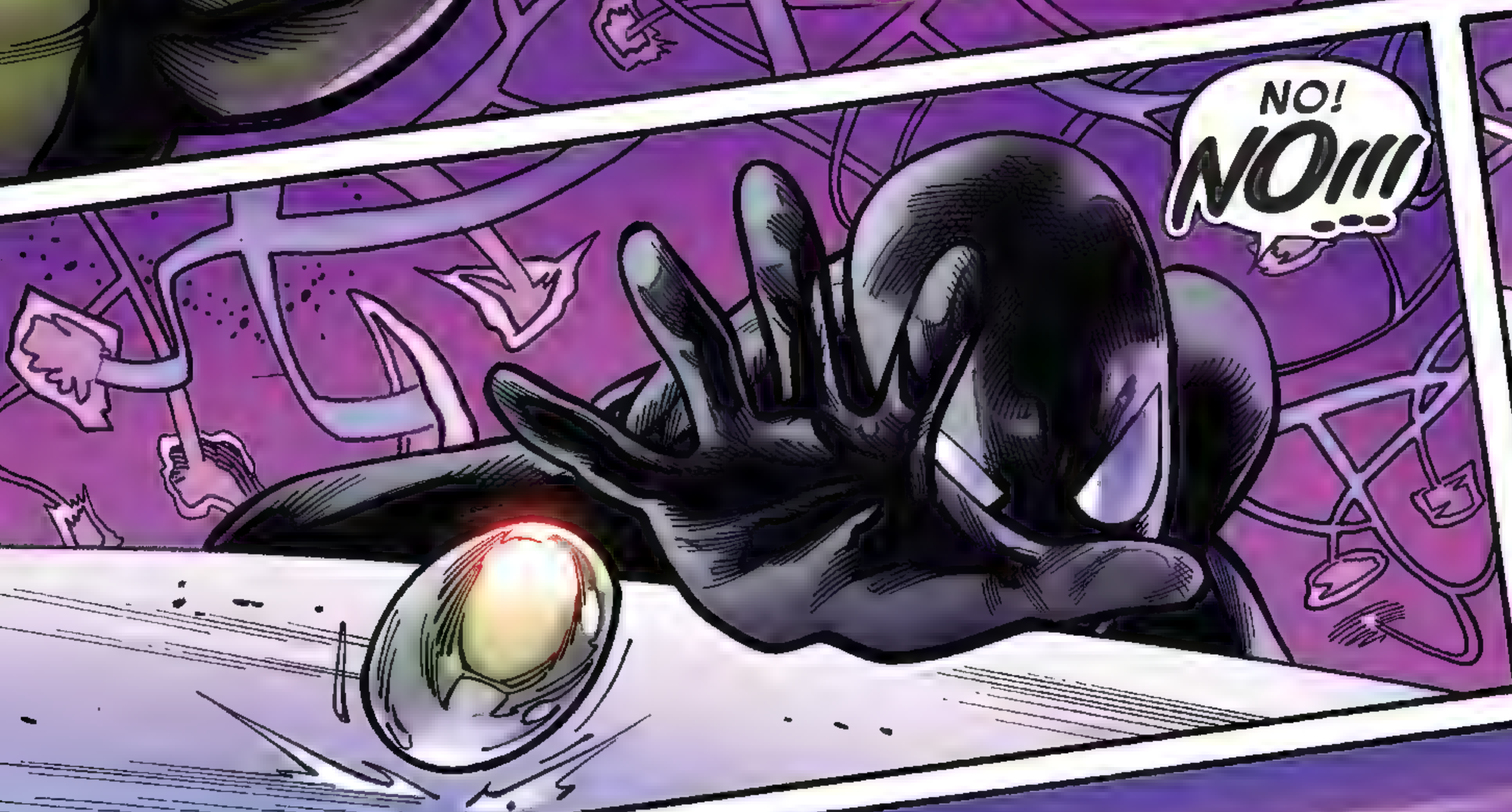
--thing...?



It's...so...
beautiful...



THWAK



NO!
NO!!!



GOTTA
GET IT
BACK!



THWIP

DID
IT!

NOW JUST
GOTTA YANK
IT BACK--



OOOOFF!
NICE
TARGETING--



UHHH--





...UP!



I CAN BARELY
HEAR MYSELF
THINK!

BA-KOOO

THIS IS
AMAZING... NEVER
FELT SO STRONG...
LIKE...

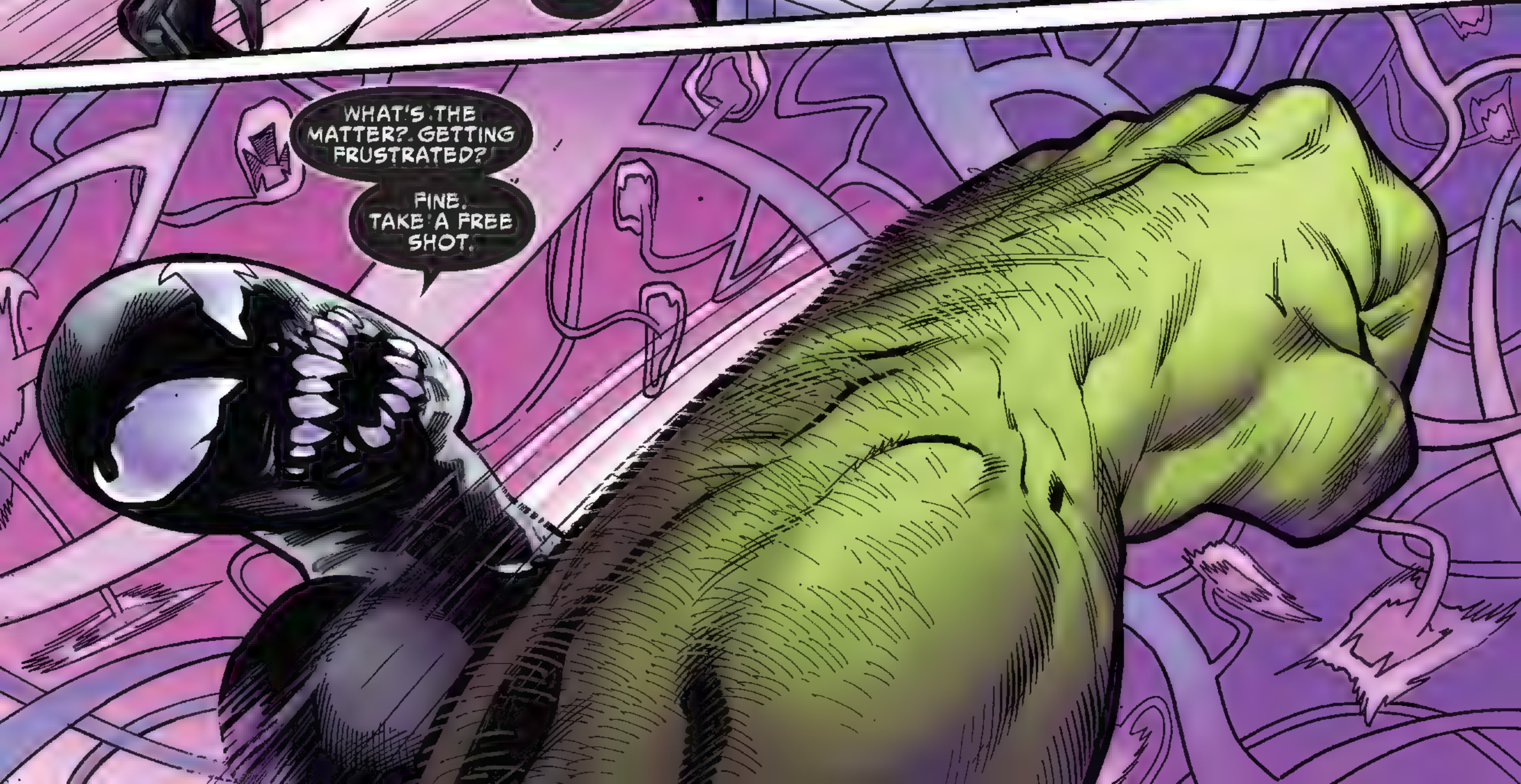
...LIKE
NOTHING CAN
BEAT ME EVER
AGAIN.



OH.
LOOK WHO'S
BACK.

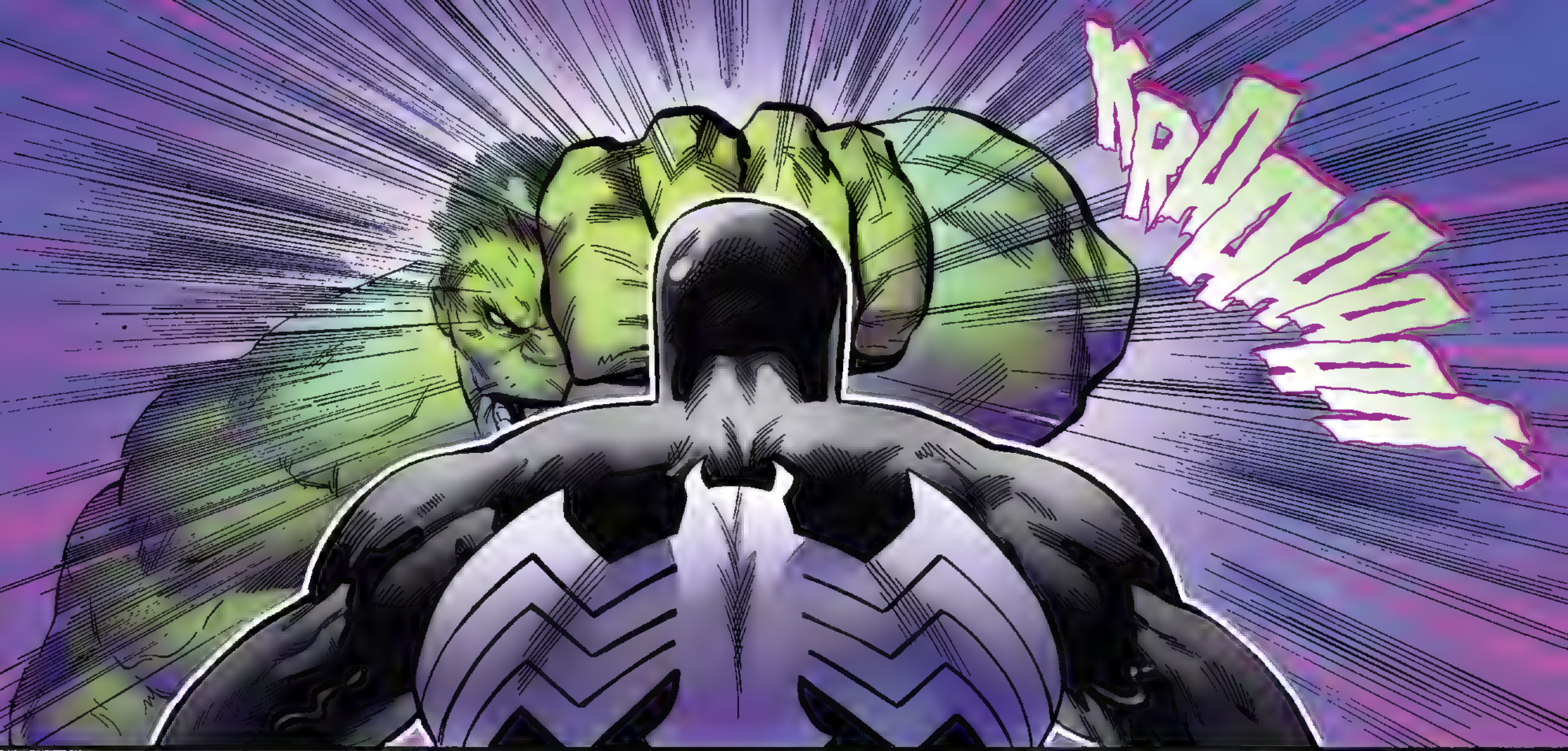
COME ON,
HULKIE. LET'S
SEE WHATCHA
GOT.

THAT
IT?



WHAT'S THE
MATTER?. GETTING
FRUSTRATED?

FINE.
TAKE A FREE
SHOT.



NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM. MOMENTS LATER...

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. WHY DID WE COME BACK HERE, TO THE MUSEUM?

CAN'T YOU JUST, Y'KNOW, "FWOOOF" YOUR HANDS AND SEE WHERE HE IS?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY DIMENSIONS THERE ARE IN TOTAL?

TWO.

NO.

THREE.

NO.

FO--

AN INFINITE NUMBER.

SO... A LOT.

YES.

THAT'S SPIDER! I'D RECOGNIZE HIM ANYWHERE!

I'M RE-CREATING WHAT HAPPENED FROM THE SURROUNDING LEY LINES.

WHAT LINES?

THEY'RE INVISIBLE BANDS OF ENERGY THAT JOIN THE WORLD TOGETHER.

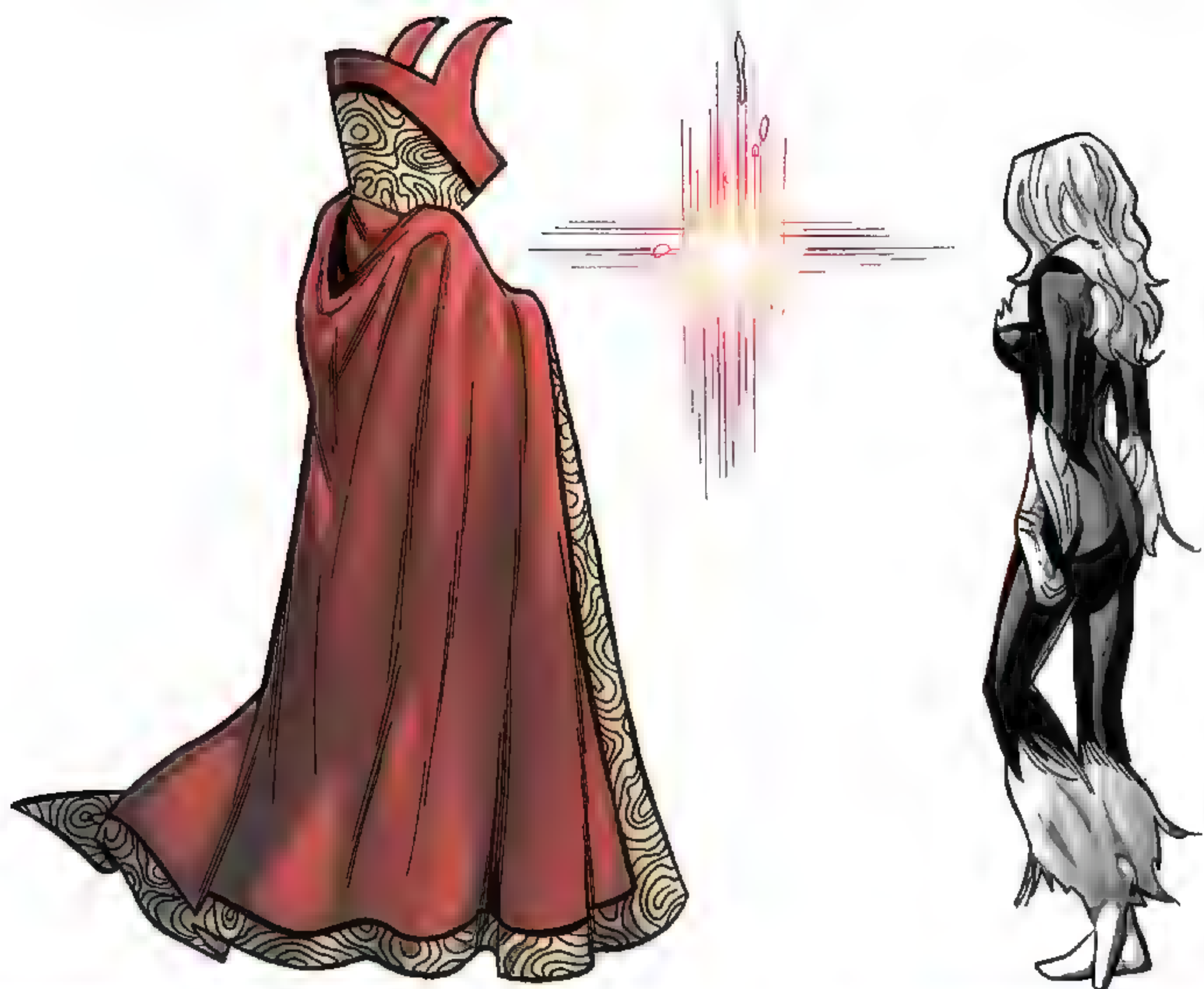
OH. OKAY, 'CAUSE YOU SAID "LEY" AND MY MIND JUST WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE ENTIRELY.

AND THERE'S THE PORTAL. NOW ALL I HAVE TO DO IS TRACE IT AND--



STAY OUT OF
THIS, MORTAL!
DO NOT INTERFERE
IN THE AFFAIRS OF
KARNILLA, THE
NORN QUEEN...

...OR I
SWEAR BY ALL
THAT'S HOLY, IT
WILL NOT END
WELL FOR
YOU!



"CARMELLA"?

THE "NUN"
STONE?

THERE WAS A
LOT GOING ON
AND IT WAS LOUD.
SO I MISHEARD.
SAH-REE.



SO,
WHO IS THIS...
"KARNILLA"?

SHE RULES
AN ASGARDIAN
PROVINCE CALLED
NORNHEIM. TRUST
ME--YOU WOULDN'T
LIKE IT.

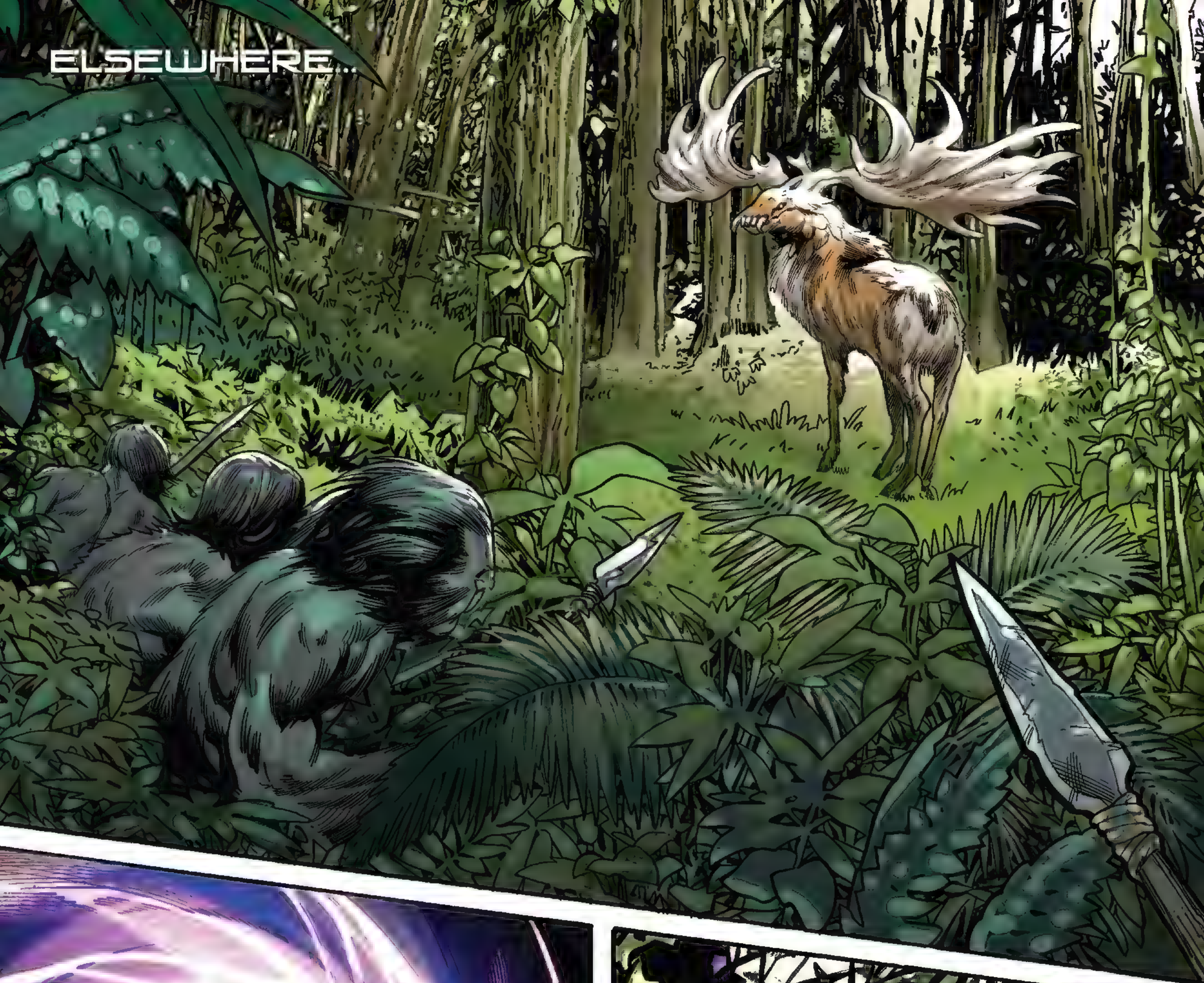
AND SHE'S
A POWERFUL
SORCERESS.

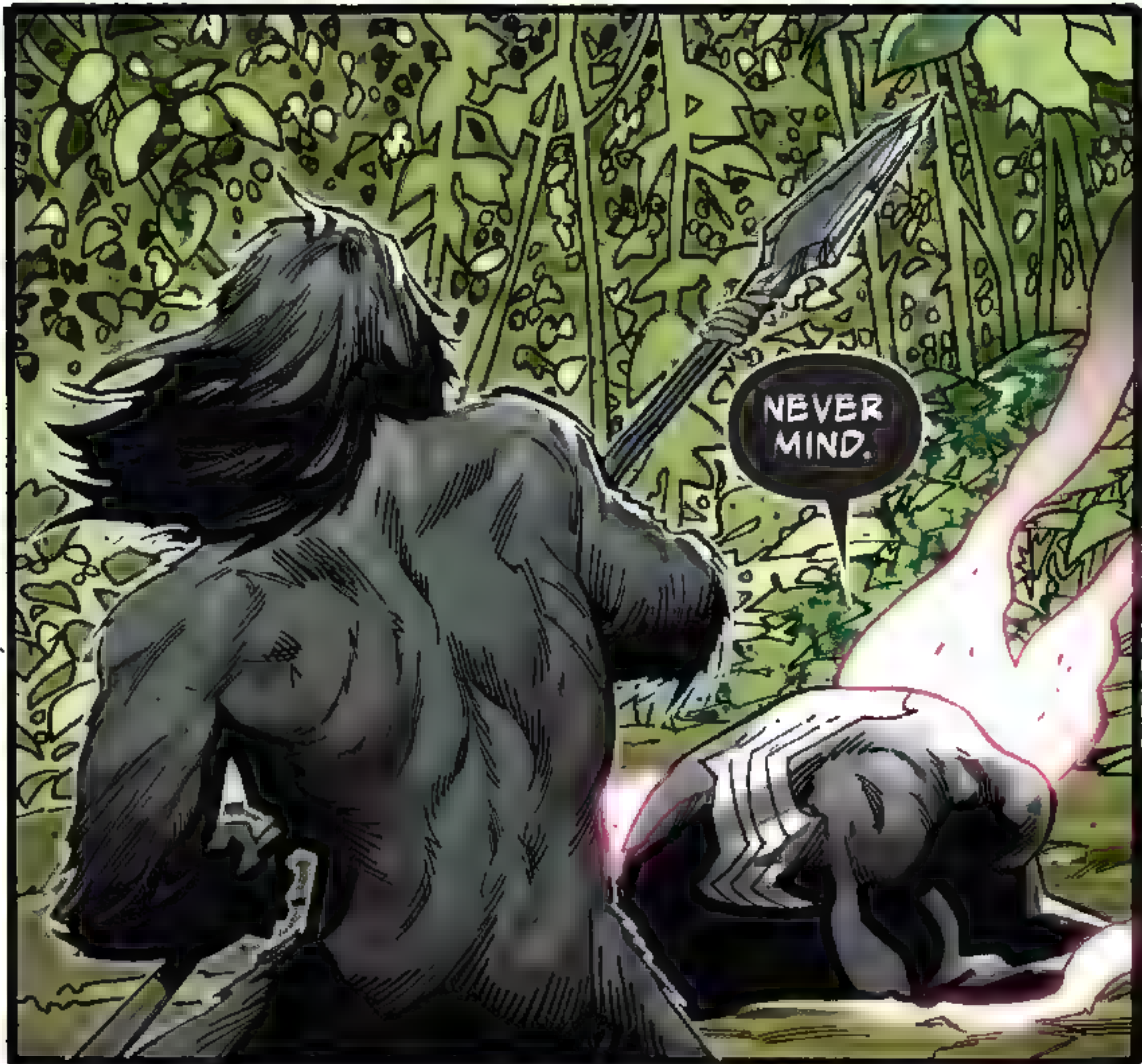
MORE
POWERFUL
THAN YOU?

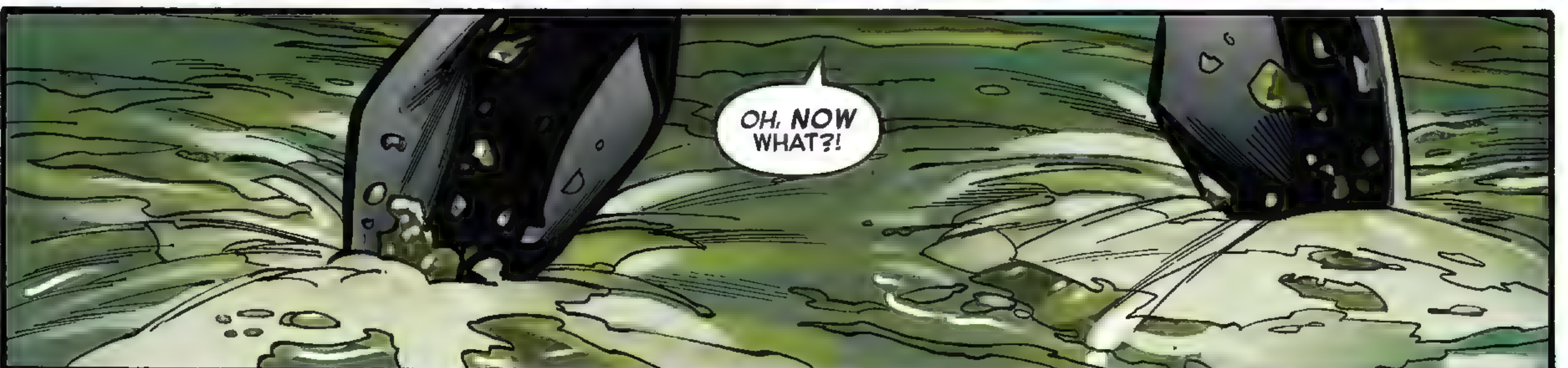
I'M NOT
SURE. BUT IF
SHE'S INTERESTED
IN THIS...

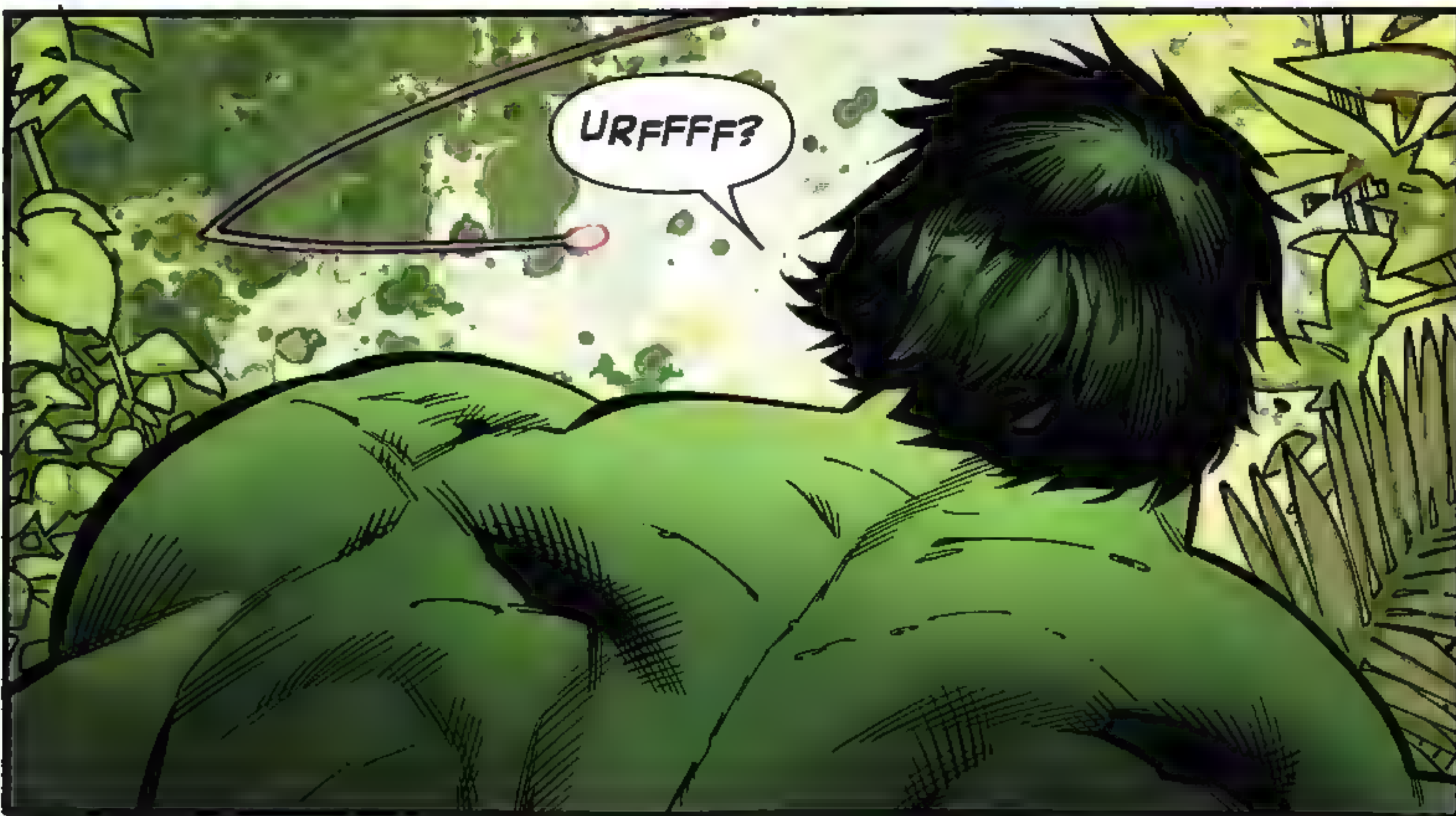
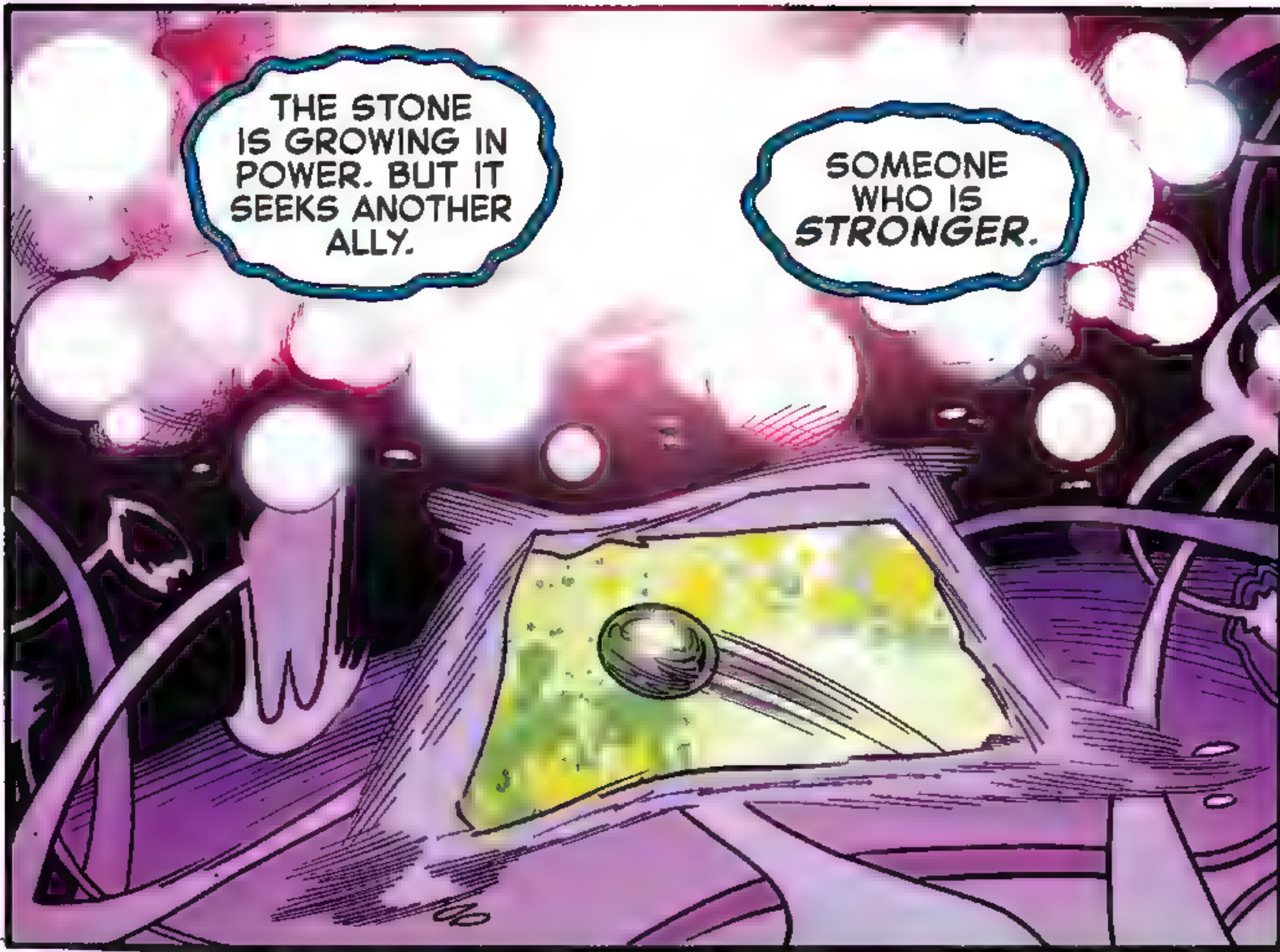
...SAVING
SPIDER-MAN
JUST GOT MUCH
HARDER.

ELSEWHERE...











SEE? IT BEGINS.
IT WILL APPEAL TO
HIS **GREATEST**
STRENGTHS.
UNLEASH HIS...



EH?

ALL
RIGHT...**THIS**
IS ODD.



UH...

HELLO.

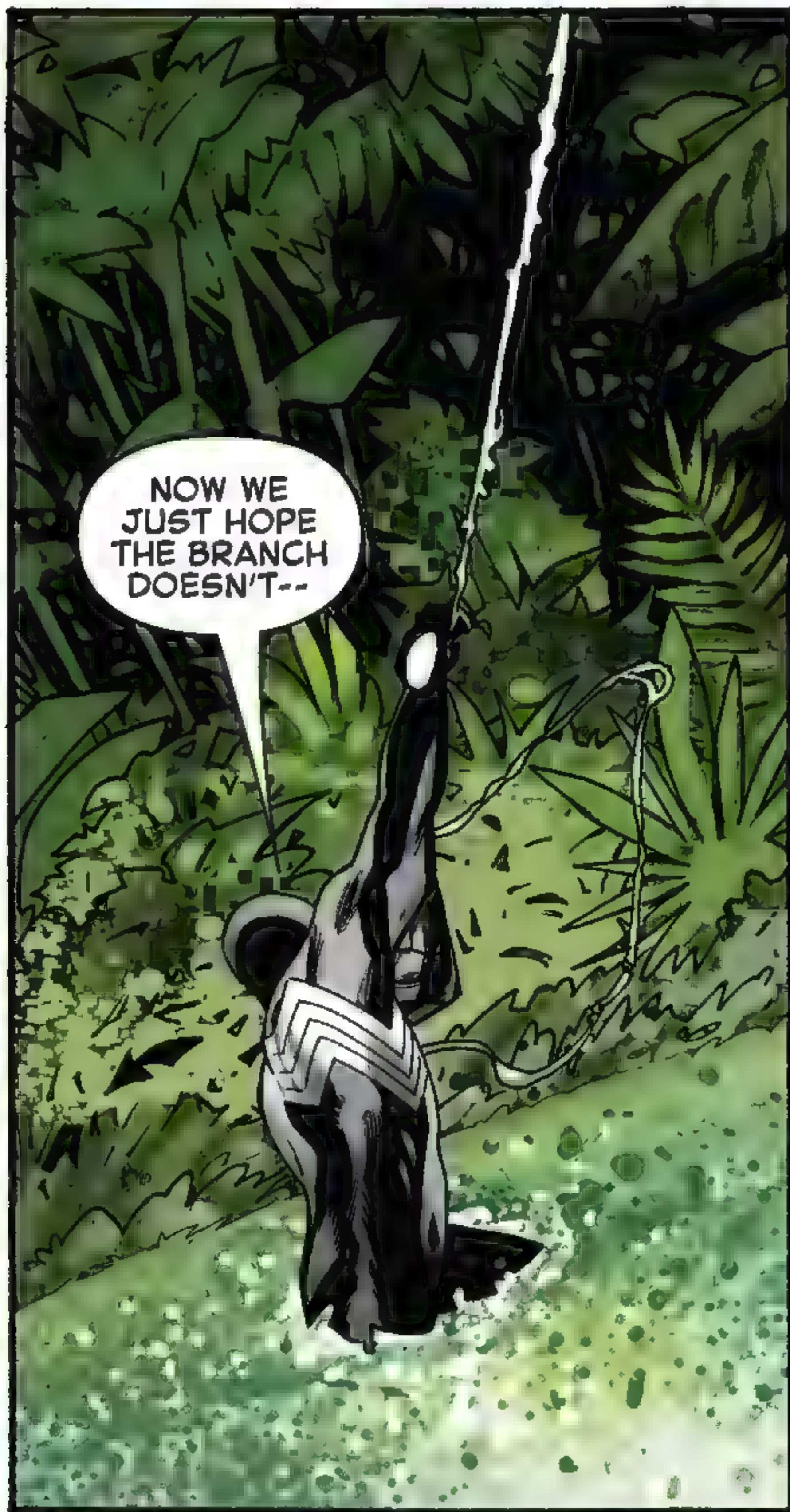


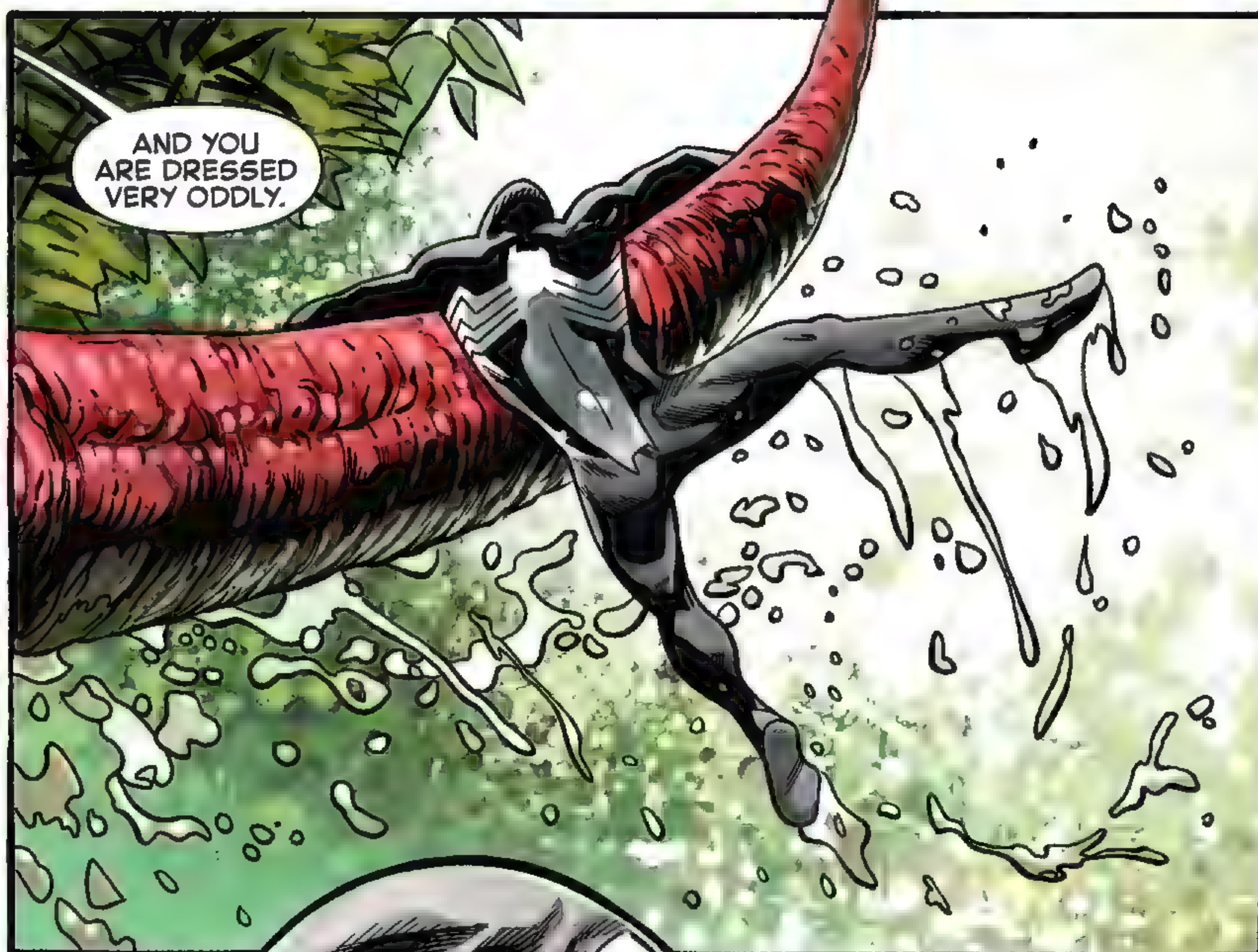
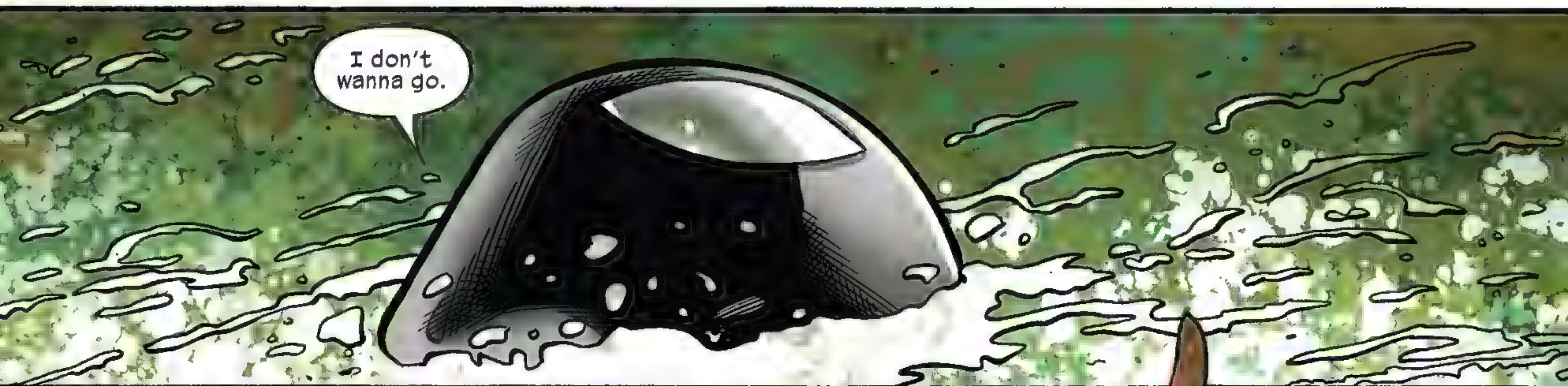
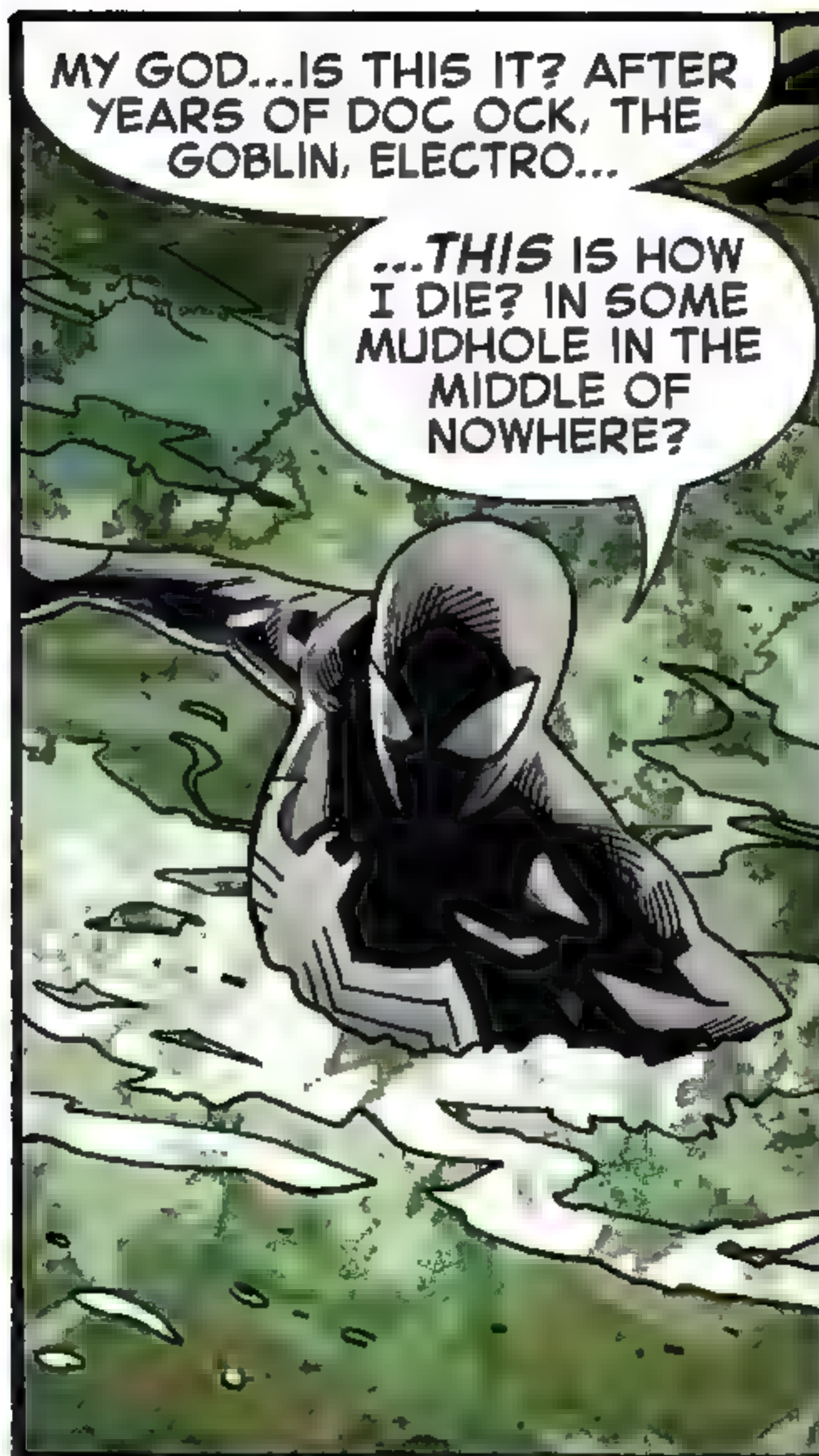
I'LL JUST,
AH...BE ON MY
WAY, IF THAT'S
ALL RIGHT
WITH--



THWAK

OOOOOFFF!!!







THIS IS DEVIL.
I AM CALLED
MOON BOY.



VALLEY OF THE FLAME

THIS...
THIS T. REX
AND YOU ARE...
FRIENDS?

THERE ARE
NO WORDS TO
DESCRIBE MY
RELATIONSHIP
WITH DEVIL.

YEAH,
THAT'S NOT
TOO WEIRD
AT ALL.

THANKS
FOR SAVING ME,
I GUESS.

YOU
SEEMED IN
NEED OF
RESCUE.

THERE
WAS A GUY
WITH ME...

WELL, NOT
A GUY, EXACTLY.
A BIG GREEN
MONSTER.

DID YOU
SEE WHERE
HE WENT?

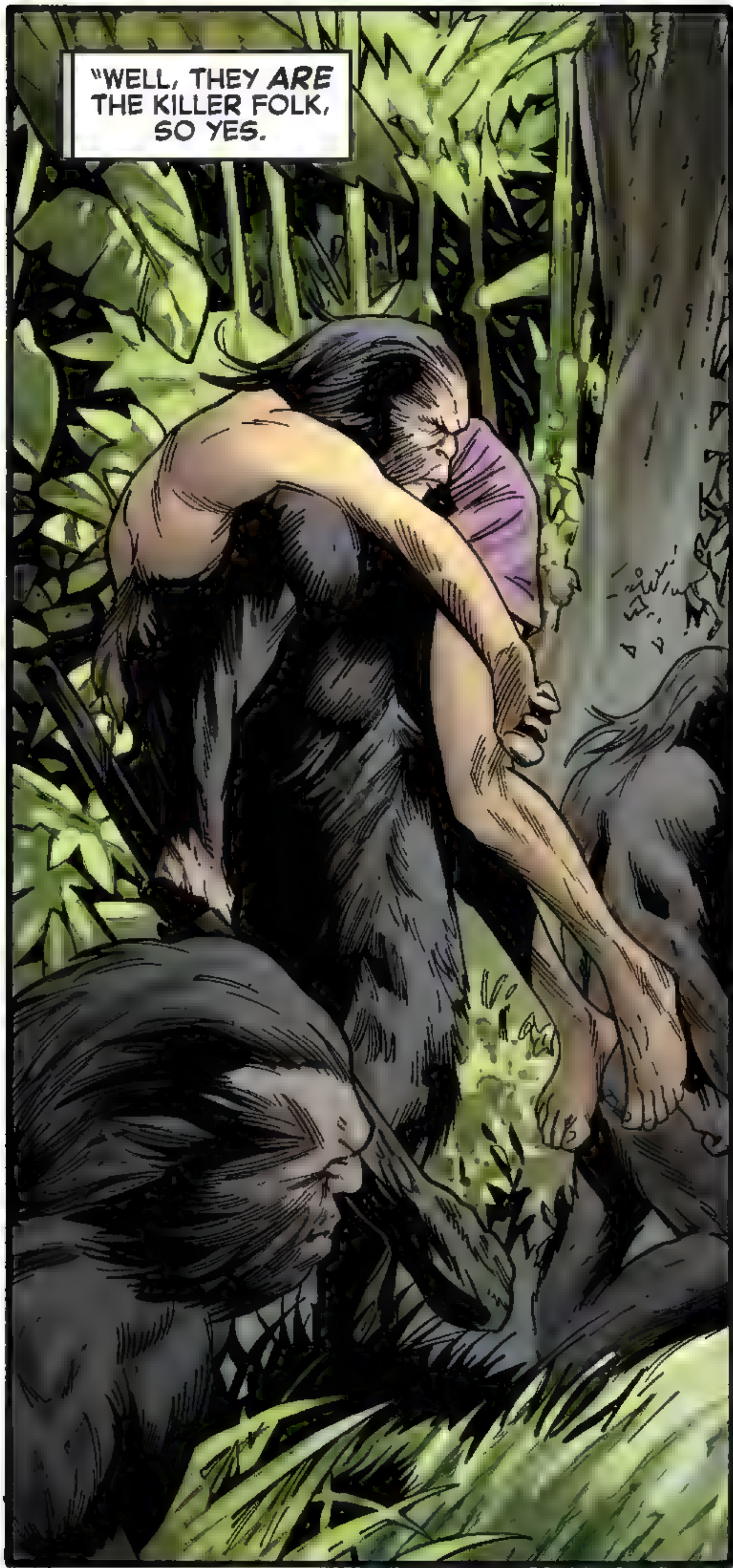
I SAW NO
MONSTER. JUST
A NORMAL MAN.
VERY THIN.

OH. OKAY,
THAT COULD BE
HIM TOO.

THE KILLER
FOLK HAVE
HIM.

"KILLER FOLK"?
BOY, THERE'S NOT
A LOT OF SUBTLETY
TO THE NAMES
AROUND HERE.

LET ME
GUESS. THEY'LL
WANT TO KILL
HIM.



"WELL, THEY ARE THE KILLER FOLK, SO YES."



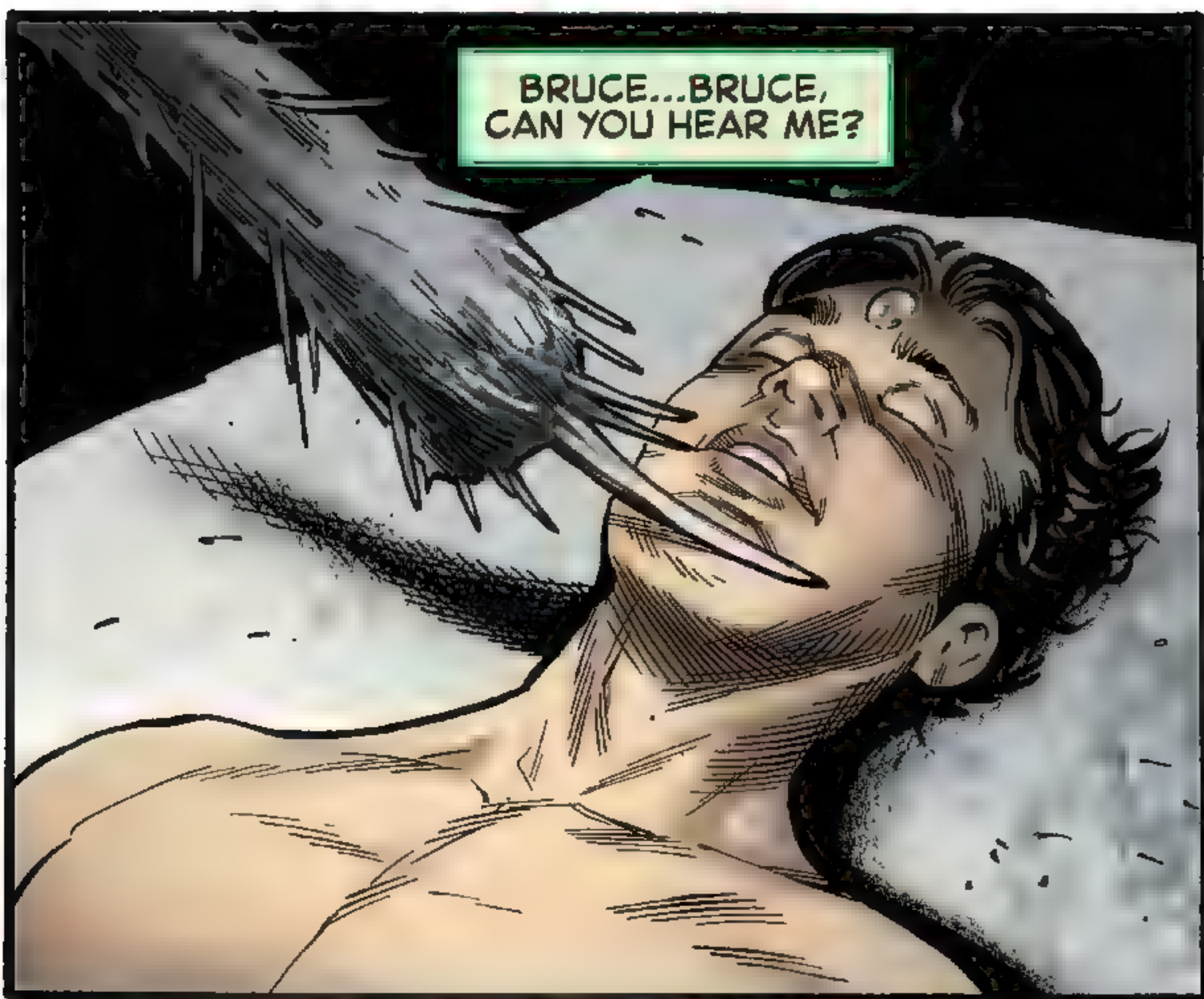
"BUT THEY LIKELY WON'T DO IT THEMSELVES."

"THEY WILL PROBABLY SACRIFICE HIM TO LONG LEGS."

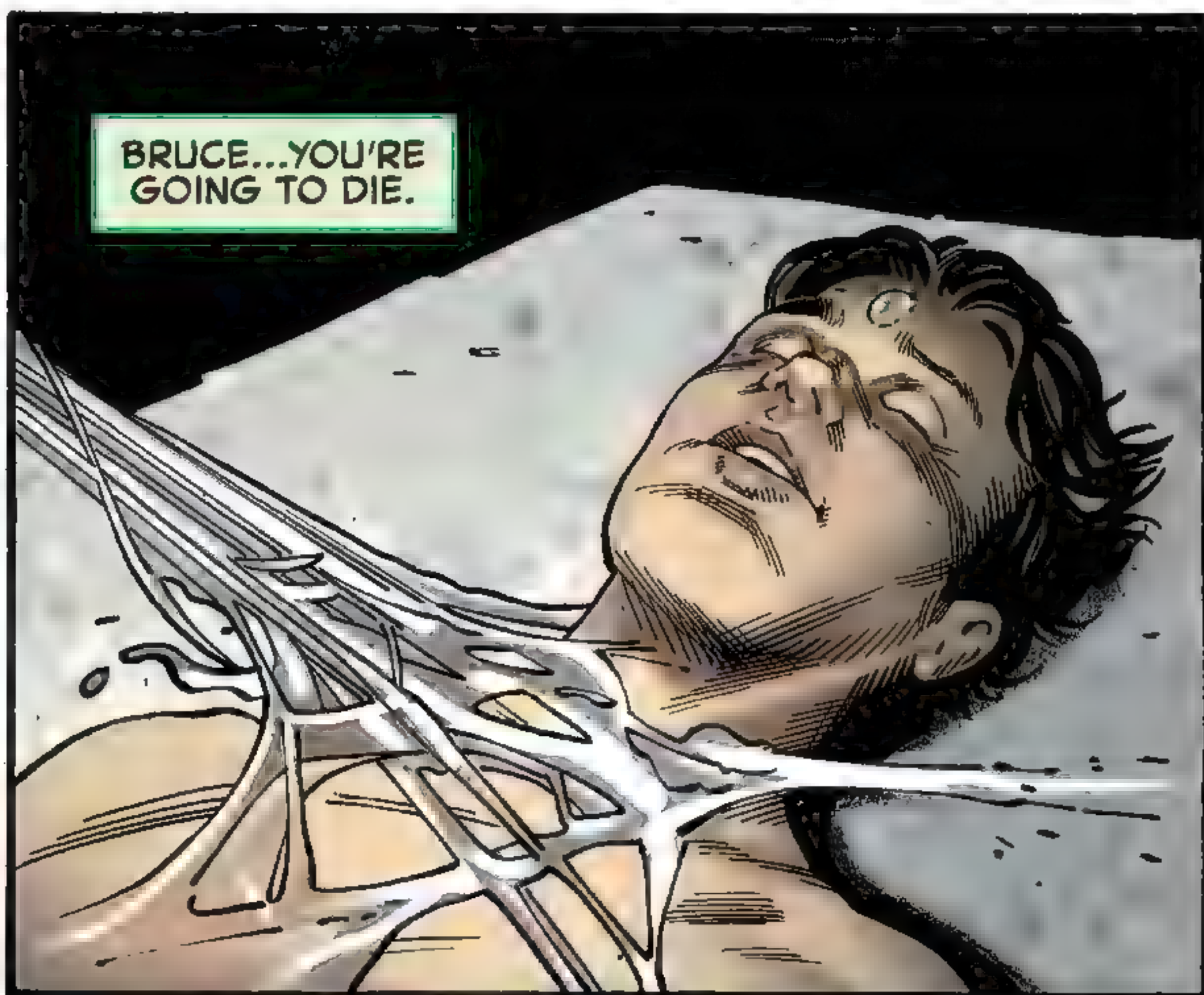


LONG LEGS! WE PRESENT YOU THIS FEAST! WE REGRET THAT IT IS UNDERFERD...

BUT HOPE THAT IT WILL SATISFY YOU AND YOUR CHILDREN!



BRUCE...BRUCE, CAN YOU HEAR ME?



BRUCE...YOU'RE GOING TO DIE.

THIS...THING...IS
GOING TO DEVOUR
YOU. THIS MAGIC
STONE, IT...

IT INCREASES YOUR INNER
STRENGTH. BUT IT BELIEVES
THAT YOU ARE THE SOURCE
OF THAT STRENGTH. IT'S
WRONG. I AM.

YOU NEED TO LET
ME OUT NOW. THE
TRUE SOURCE OF
YOUR POWER.

I'VE BEEN IN HERE *THE*
WHOLE TIME. AND NOW
THIS STONE CAN FINALLY
GIVE ME FORM.

LET ME OUT,
BRUCE. IT'S LONG
PAST TIME.

LET...

ME...

OUT...

WHAT
IS...

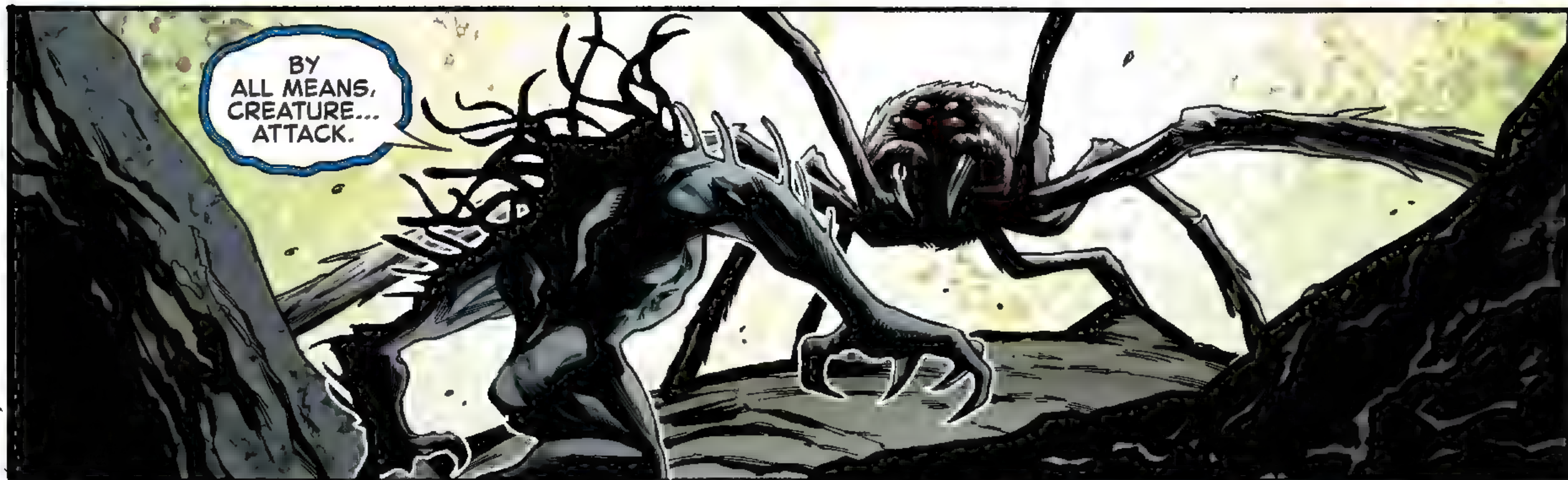
...THAT?!



HELLO.

MY
NAME IS
BRIAN.

AND I'M GOING TO DESTROY
YOU
ALL.



BY ALL MEANS, CREATURE... ATTACK.

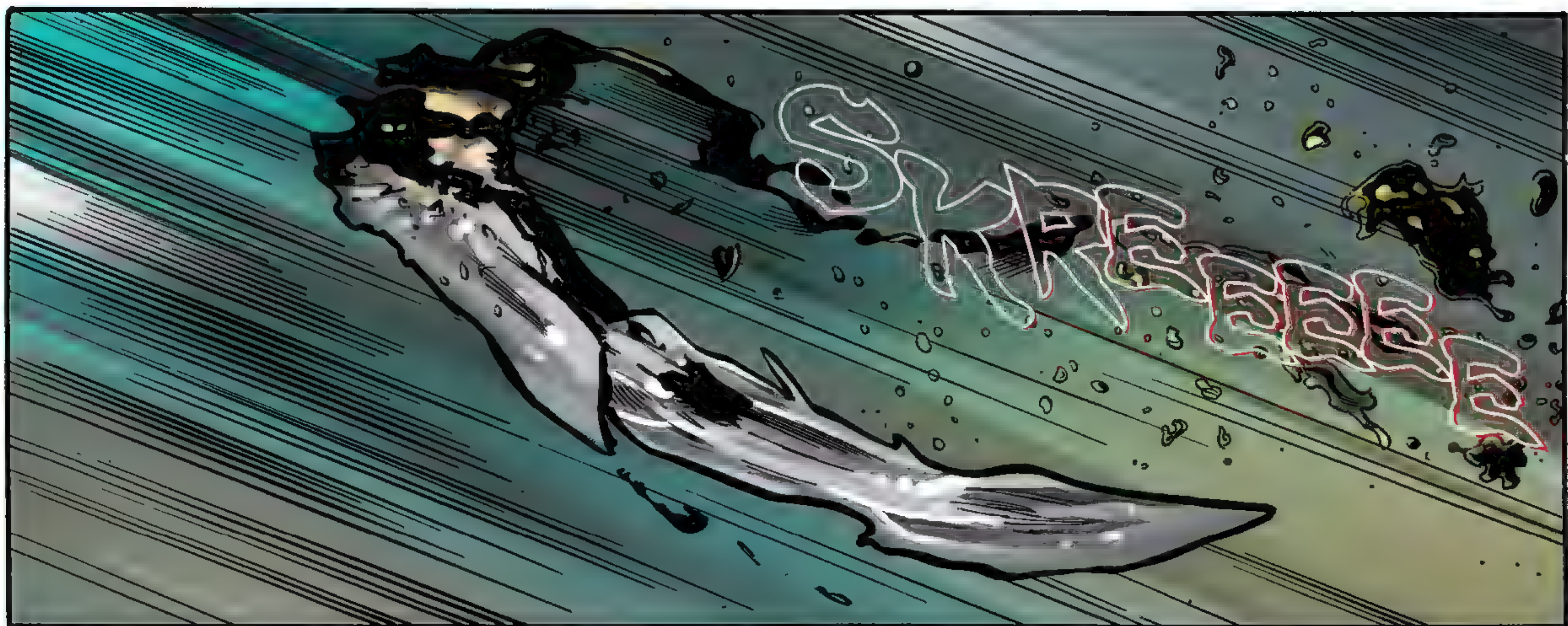


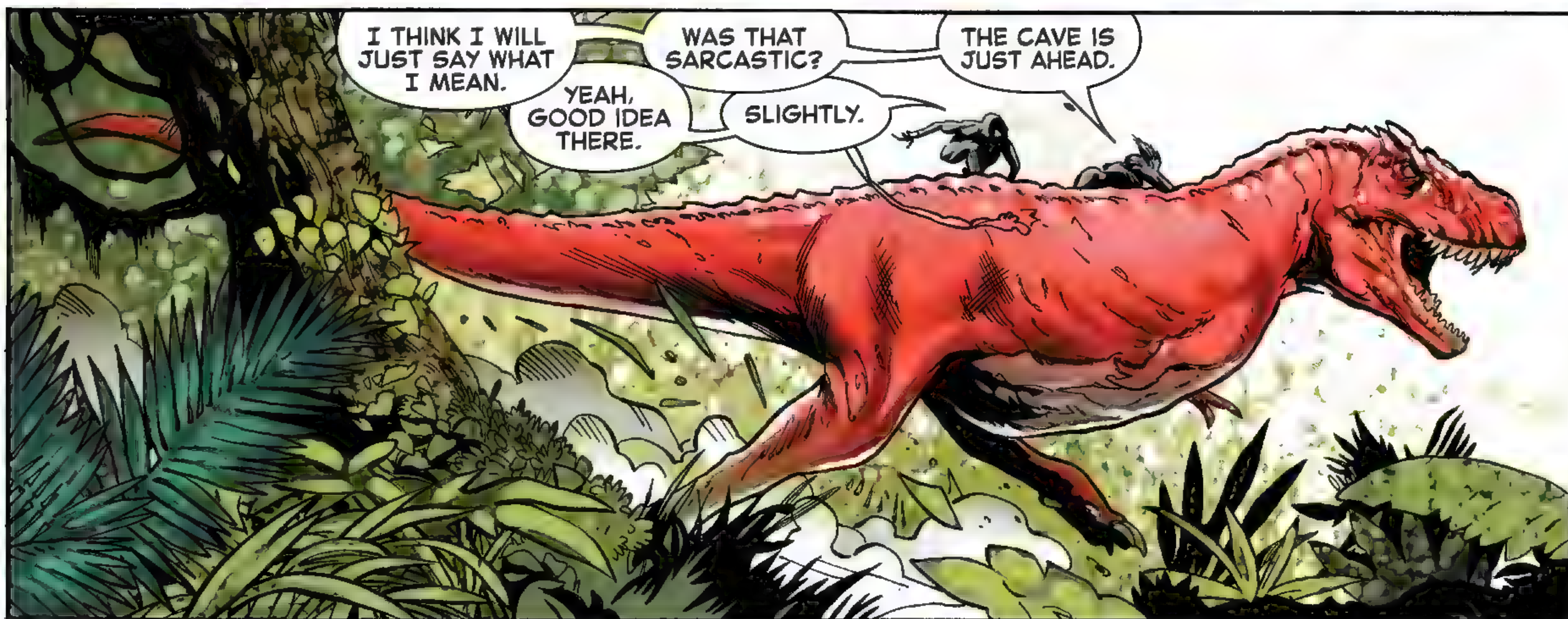
DO WHATEVER YOU THINK IS BEST.

YOU'D HAVE EASILY TAKEN OUT BRUCE. BUT HE'S GONE.

NOW YOU HAVE TO DEAL WITH ME.

AND I PROMISE YOU: IT WON'T GO WELL FOR YOU.







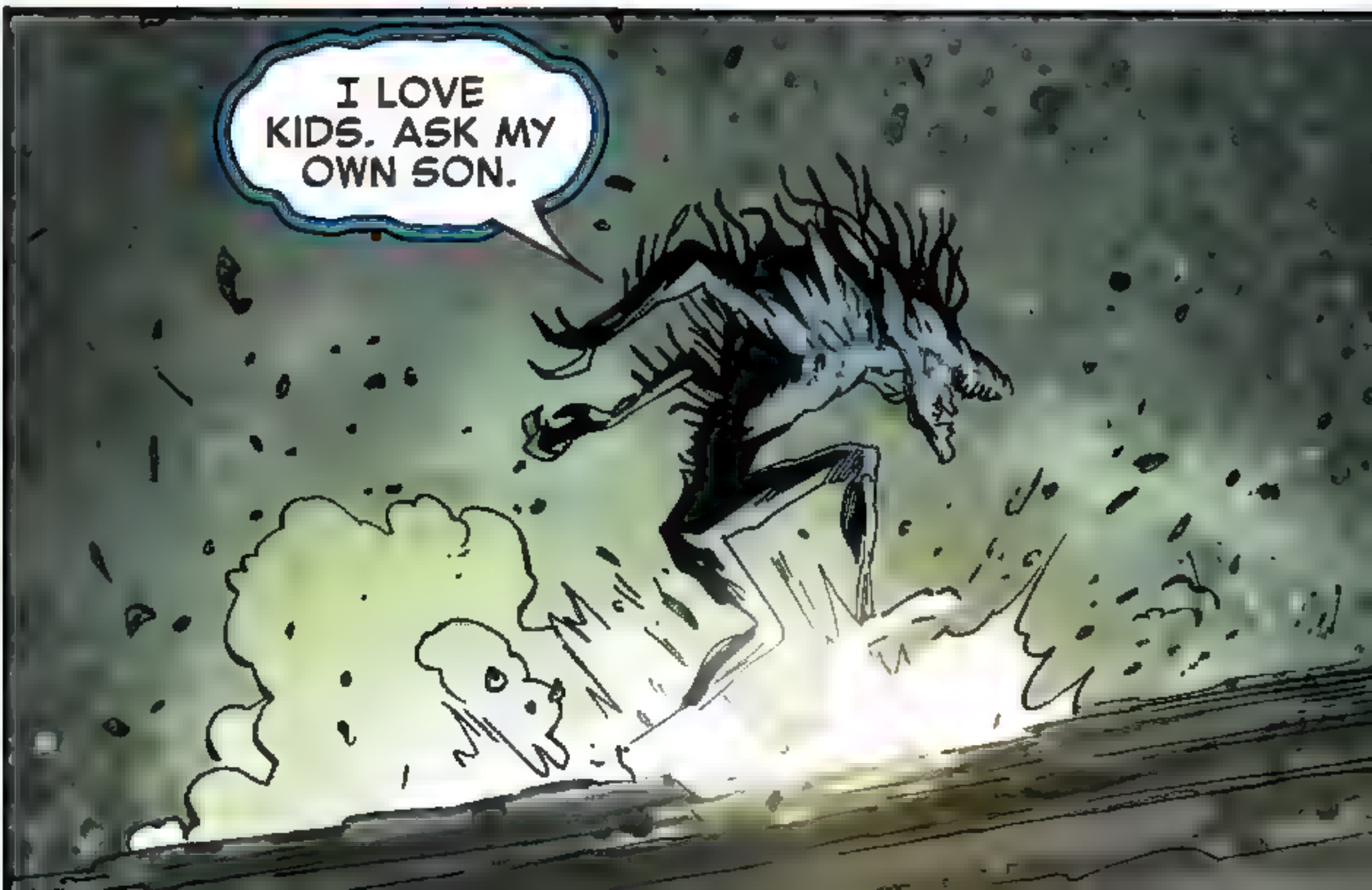
WELL
WELL...



SO YOU'RE
A PROUD
FATHER.



BY ALL
MEANS, DAD,
BRING THEM
ON.



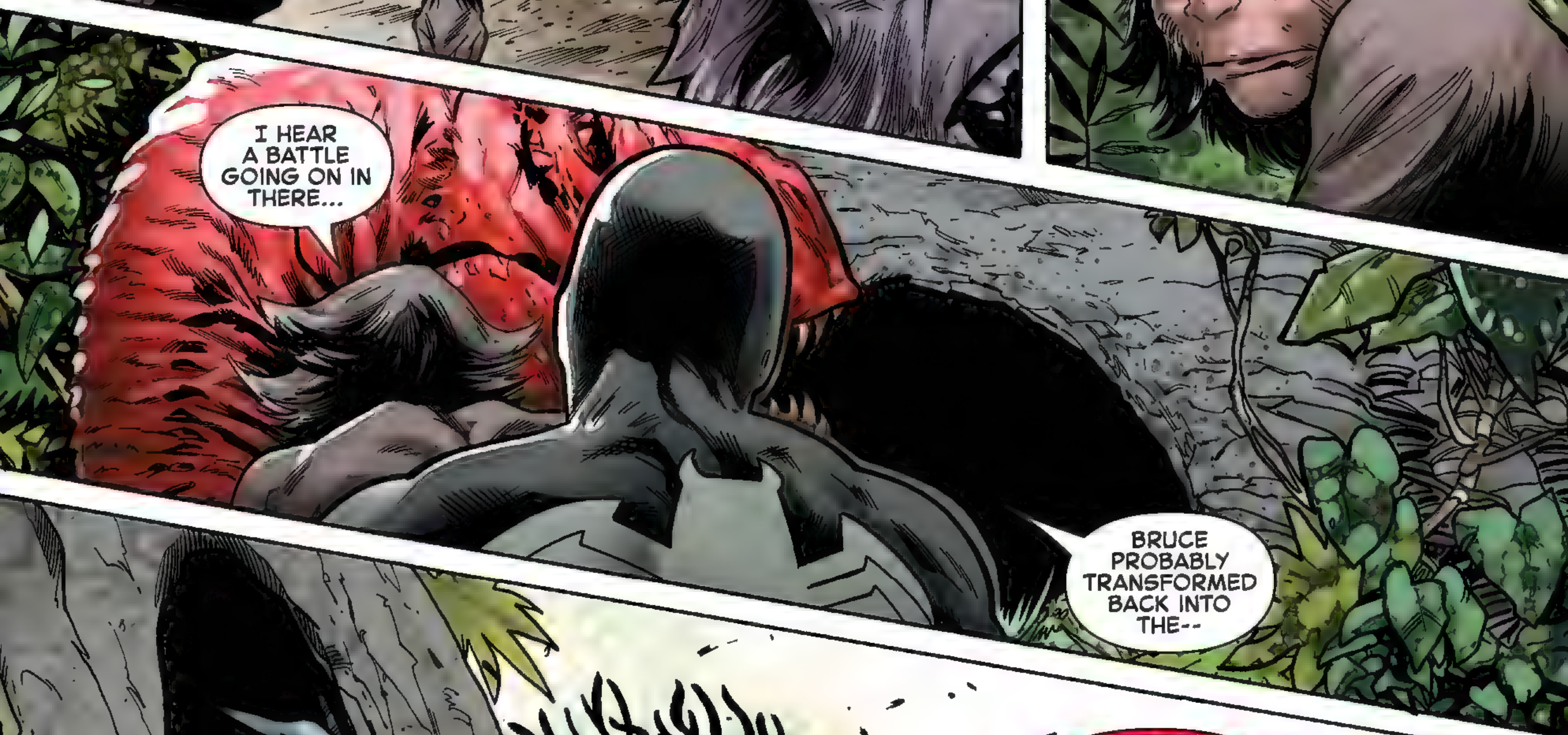
I LOVE
KIDS. ASK MY
OWN SON.



KILLER-FOLK!
DO NOT
THINK TO
STAND AGAINST
US!

FINE!

WE
WON'T!



I HEAR
A BATTLE
GOING ON IN
THERE...

BRUCE
PROBABLY
TRANSFORMED
BACK INTO
THE--



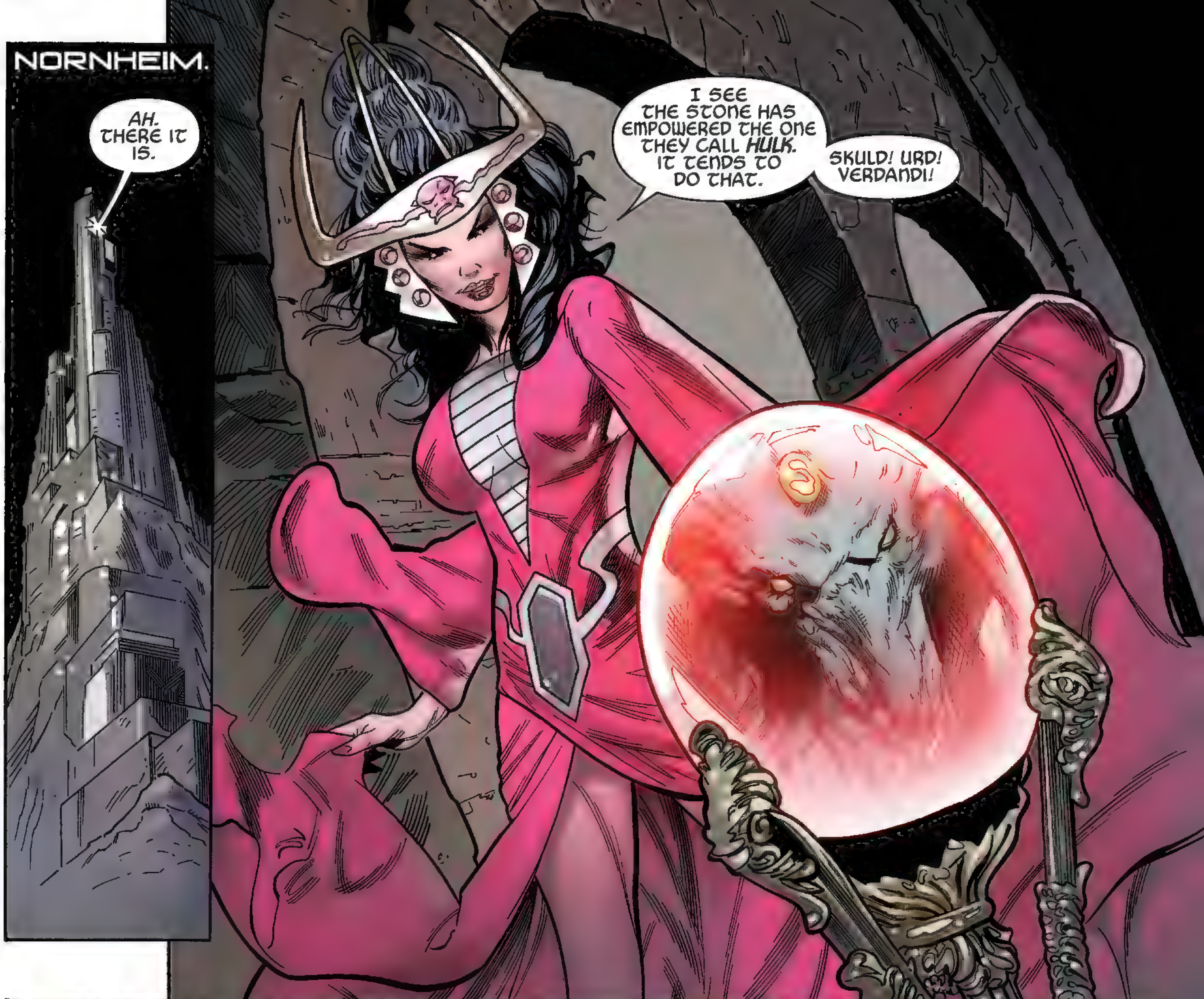
**WHAT
THE HECK
IS THAT?!**

NORNHEIM.

AH.
THERE IT
IS.

I SEE
THE STONE HAS
EMPOWERED THE ONE
THEY CALL **HULK**.
IT TENDS TO
DO THAT.

SKULD! URD!
VERDANDI!

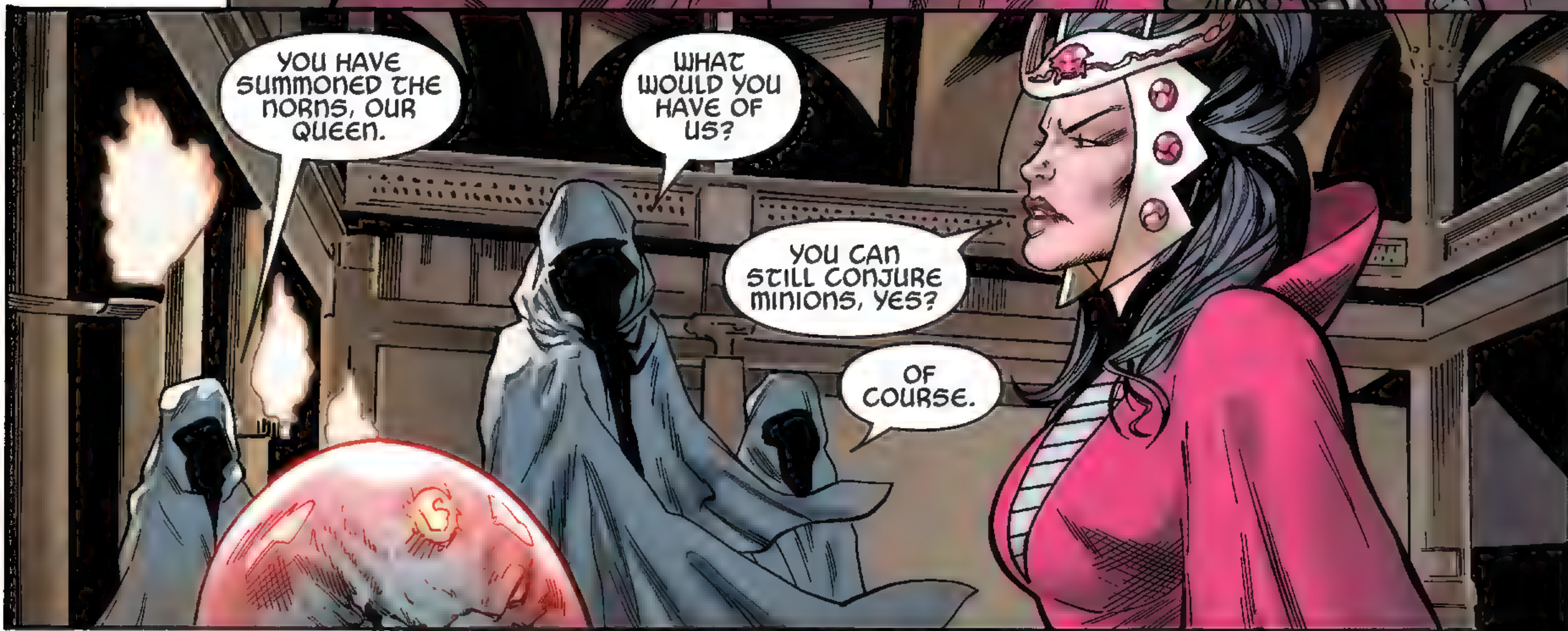


YOU HAVE
SUMMONED THE
NORNS, OUR
QUEEN.

WHAT
WOULD YOU
HAVE OF
US?

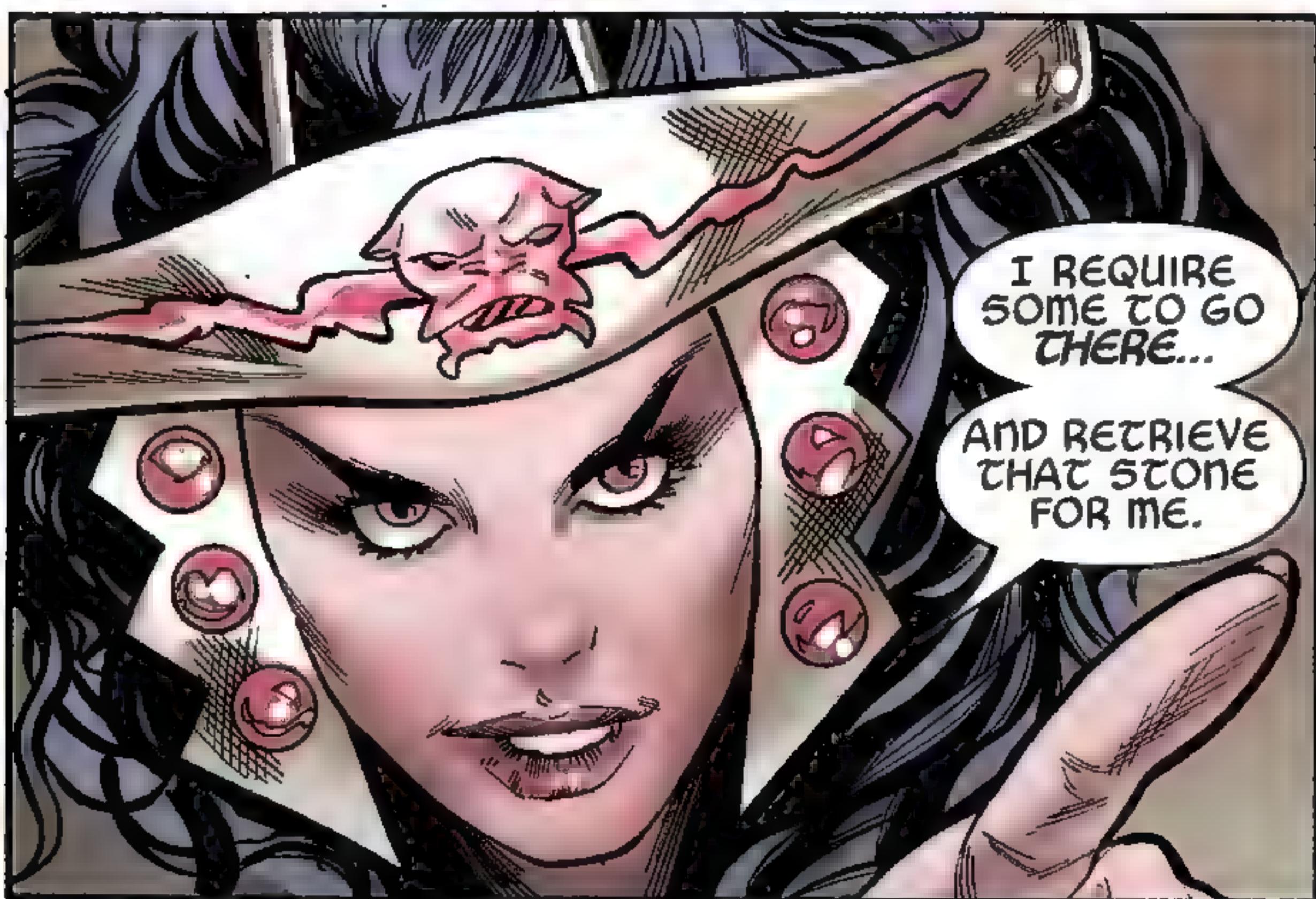
YOU CAN
STILL CONJURE
MINIONS, YES?

OF
COURSE.



I REQUIRE
SOME TO GO
THERE...

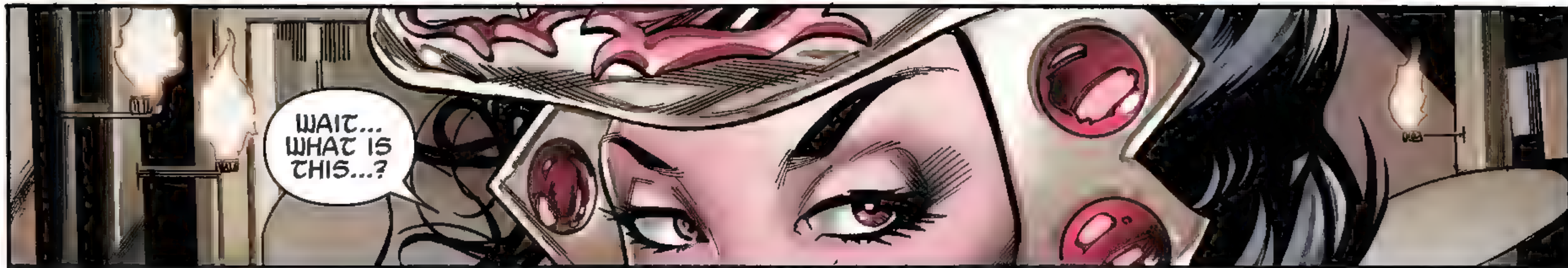
AND RETRIEVE
THAT STONE
FOR ME.



AS THE QUEEN
COMMANDS...

SO
SHALL IT
BE DONE.



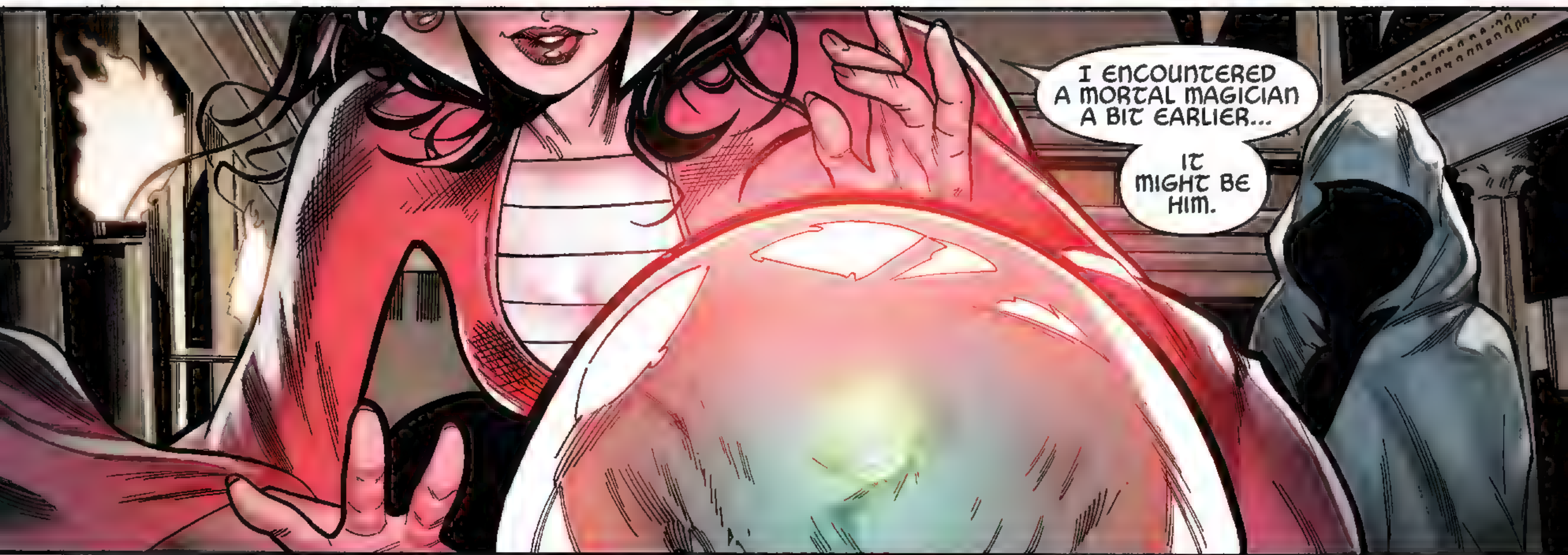


WAIT...
WHAT IS
THIS...?



SOMEONE
ELSE IS
WATCHING AS
WELL!

WHO?



I ENCOUNTERED
A MORTAL MAGICIAN
A BIT EARLIER...

IT
MIGHT BE
HIM.



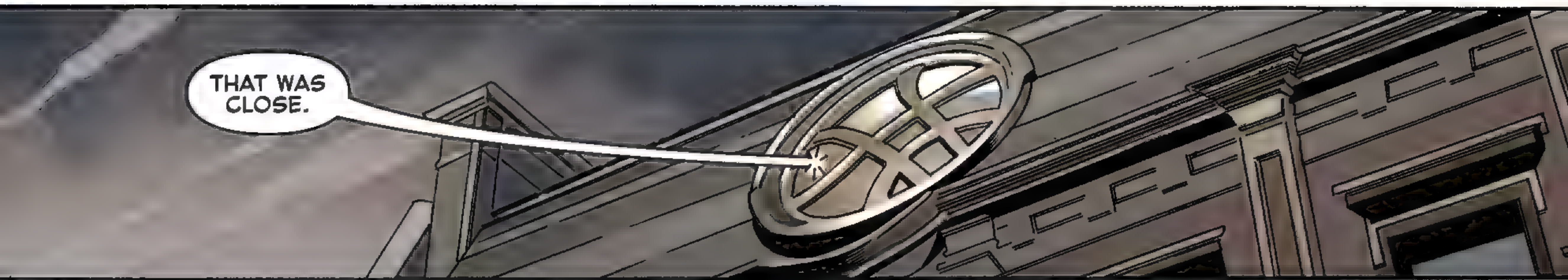
A MORTAL?
CERTAINLY A
MORTAL PRESENTS
NO THREAT TO
YOU, MISTRESS.

I DON'T
KNOW ABOUT
THAT...



SOME OF
THEM CAN
PROVE TO
BE...

PROBLEMATIC.



THAT WAS CLOSE.



KARNILLA
ALMOST SPOTTED
ME SPYING ON
HER.

WHAT
IF SHE
HAD?

NOTHING
GOOD, I CAN
ASSURE YOU
OF THAT.

YOU DON'T
HAPPEN TO HAVE
AN OBJECT OF
SPIDER-MAN'S ON
YOU, DO YOU?



HOW ABOUT
THIS?

YOU
CARRY HIS
MASK WITH
YOU?

YEAH.
WHY? IS THAT
WEIRD?



IT'S NOT
FOR ME TO
SAY.

BUT YOU
THINK IT'S
WEIRD.

MY OPINION
ISN'T RELEVANT
TO--

BUT
YOU THINK
IT'S--



IT'S
A LITTLE
WEIRD.

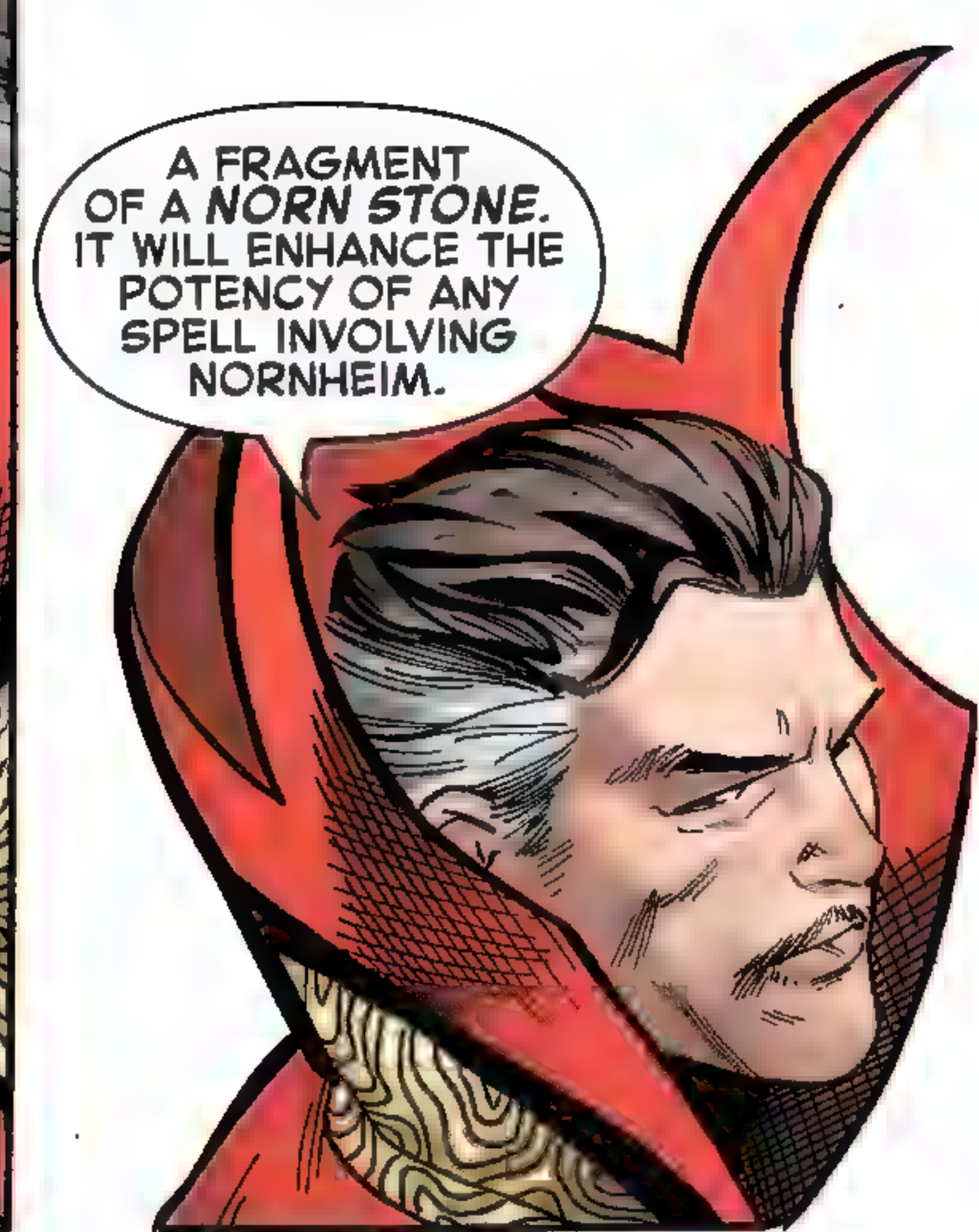
WHO ASKED
YOU?

...



I HAVE NEED OF SOMETHING ELSE IF YOU COULD ACQUIRE IT FOR ME.

SURE. WHAT?

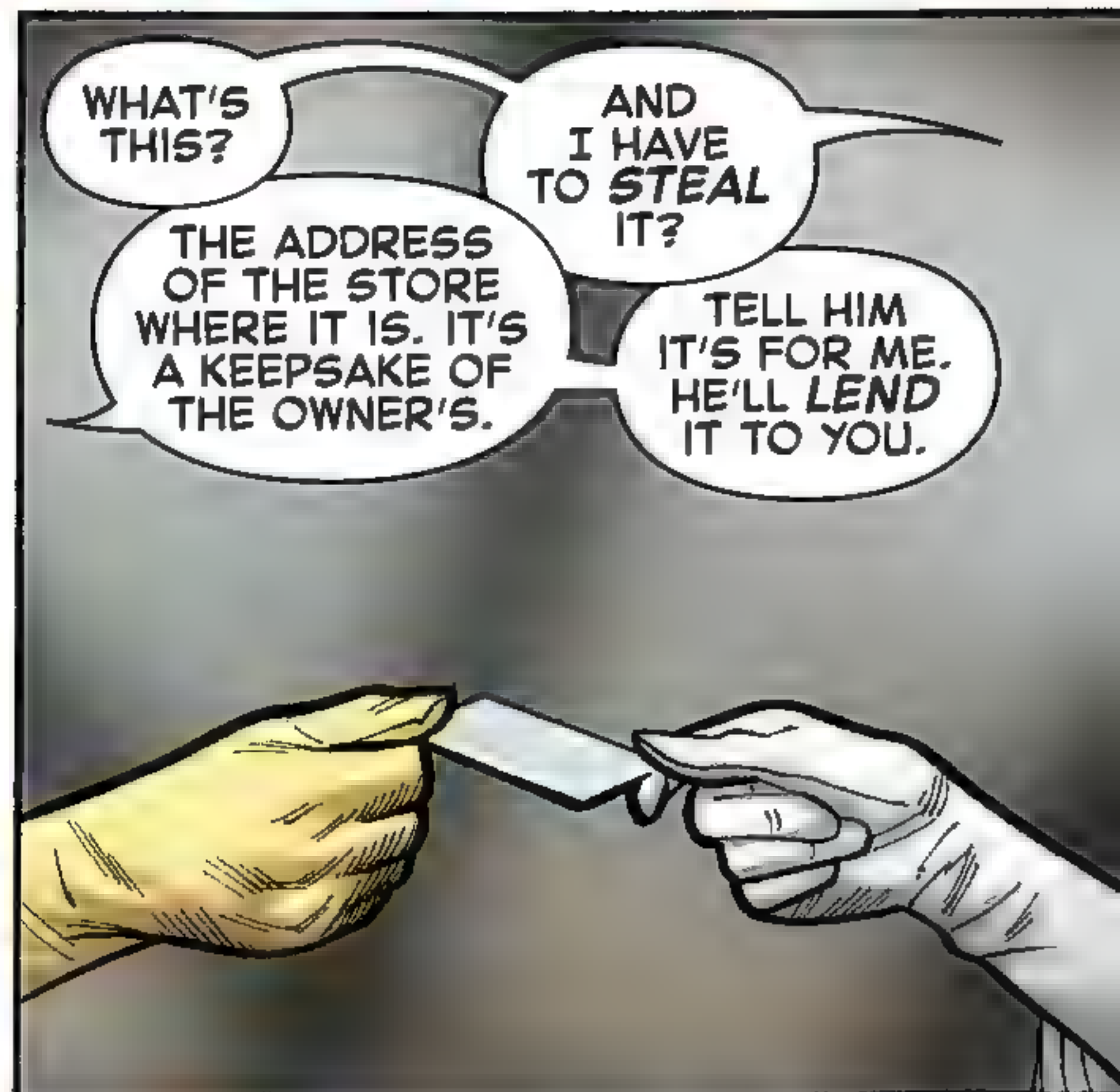


A FRAGMENT OF A **NORN STONE**. IT WILL ENHANCE THE POTENCY OF ANY SPELL INVOLVING **NORNHEIM**.



LET ME GUESS--IT'S IN THE SECURITY WING OF A MUSEUM?

OR HIDDEN IN AN UNDERGROUND ROOM SURROUNDED BY LASER BEAMS?!



WHAT'S THIS?

AND I HAVE TO **STEAL** IT?

THE ADDRESS OF THE STORE WHERE IT IS. IT'S A **KEEPSAKE** OF THE OWNER'S.

TELL HIM IT'S FOR ME. HE'LL **LEND** IT TO YOU.



YOU'RE SENDING ME ON AN **ERRAND**?

YES.

TO PICK UP A **FREAKING ROCK**?

THAT'S CORRECT.



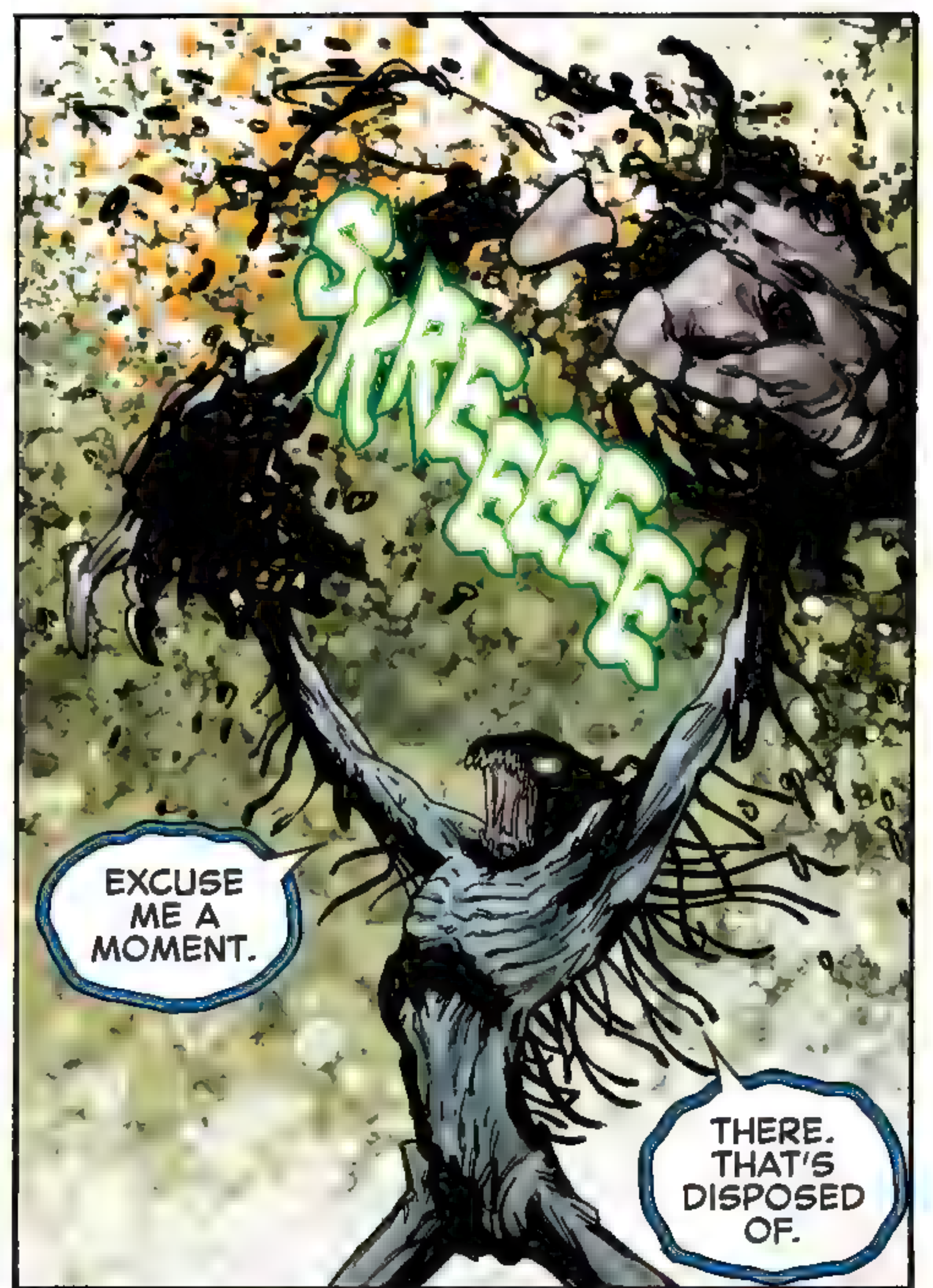
THIS IS TO GET ME OUT OF THE HOUSE, ISN'T IT?

YES. PLUS I DO NEED THE **STONE**.



SHEESH.

Magicians.





BRUCE...
I DON'T
KNOW EXACTLY
WHAT'S GOING ON,
BUT I DO KNOW
YOU'RE IN THERE
SOMEWHERE...

YOU
NEED TO TAKE
CHARGE. TAKE
COMMAND.



YOU ARE
VERY WRONG,
SPIDER-MAN,
AS I WILL NOW
DEMONSTRATE.



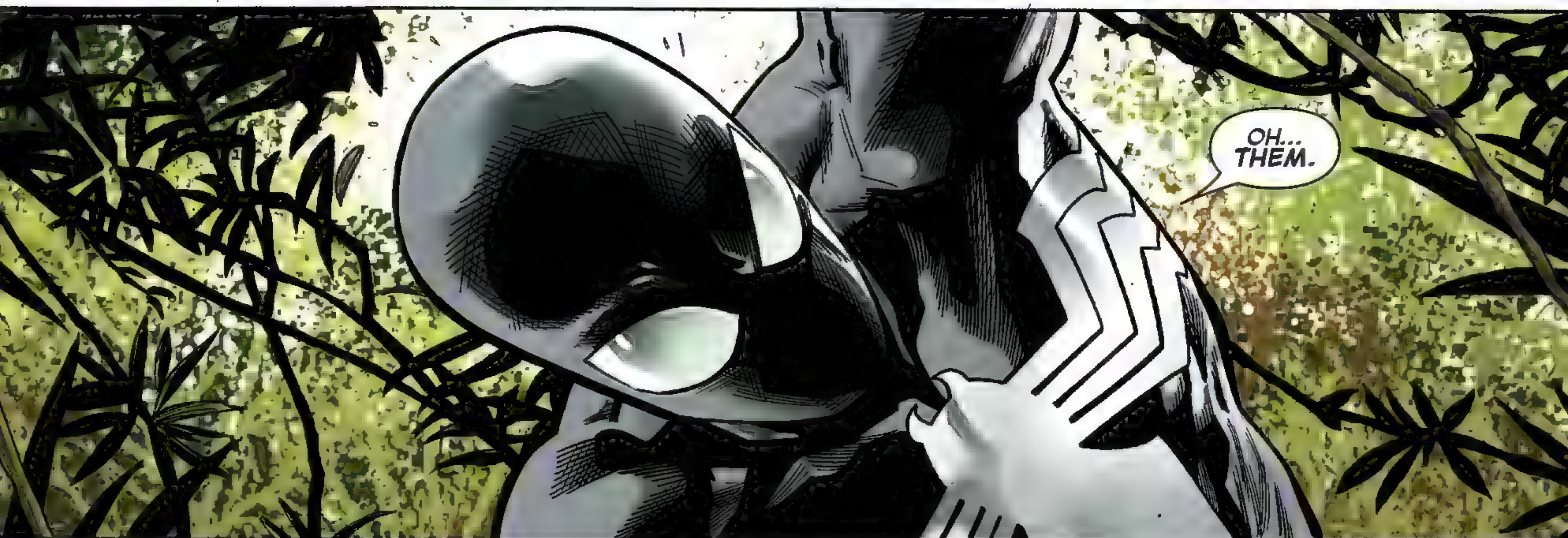
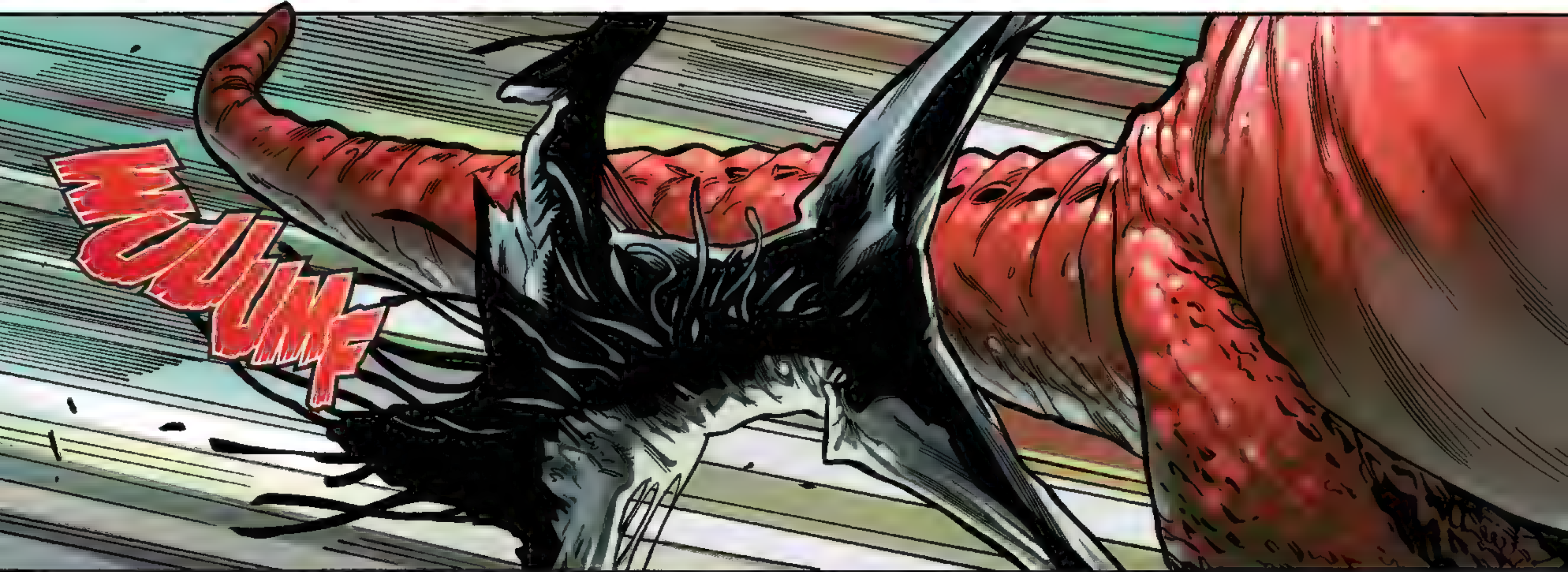
TAKE HIM,
DEVIL!

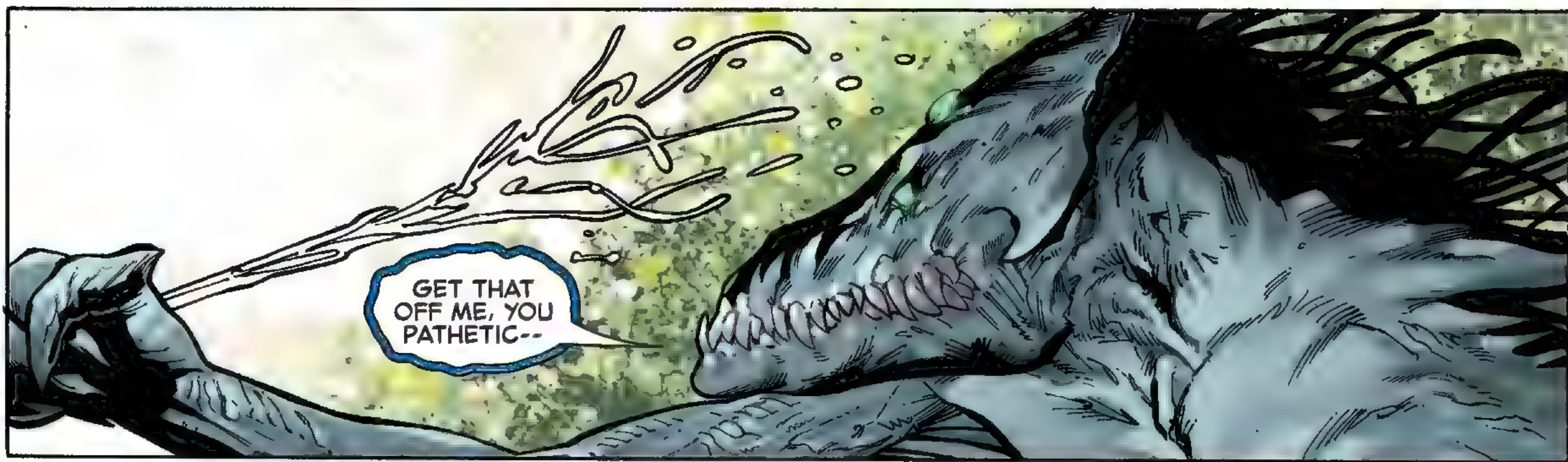
OH, YOU
MUST BE
JOKING.



FIGHTING A
T. REX. THERE'S
A STORY IN HERE
SOMEWHERE.

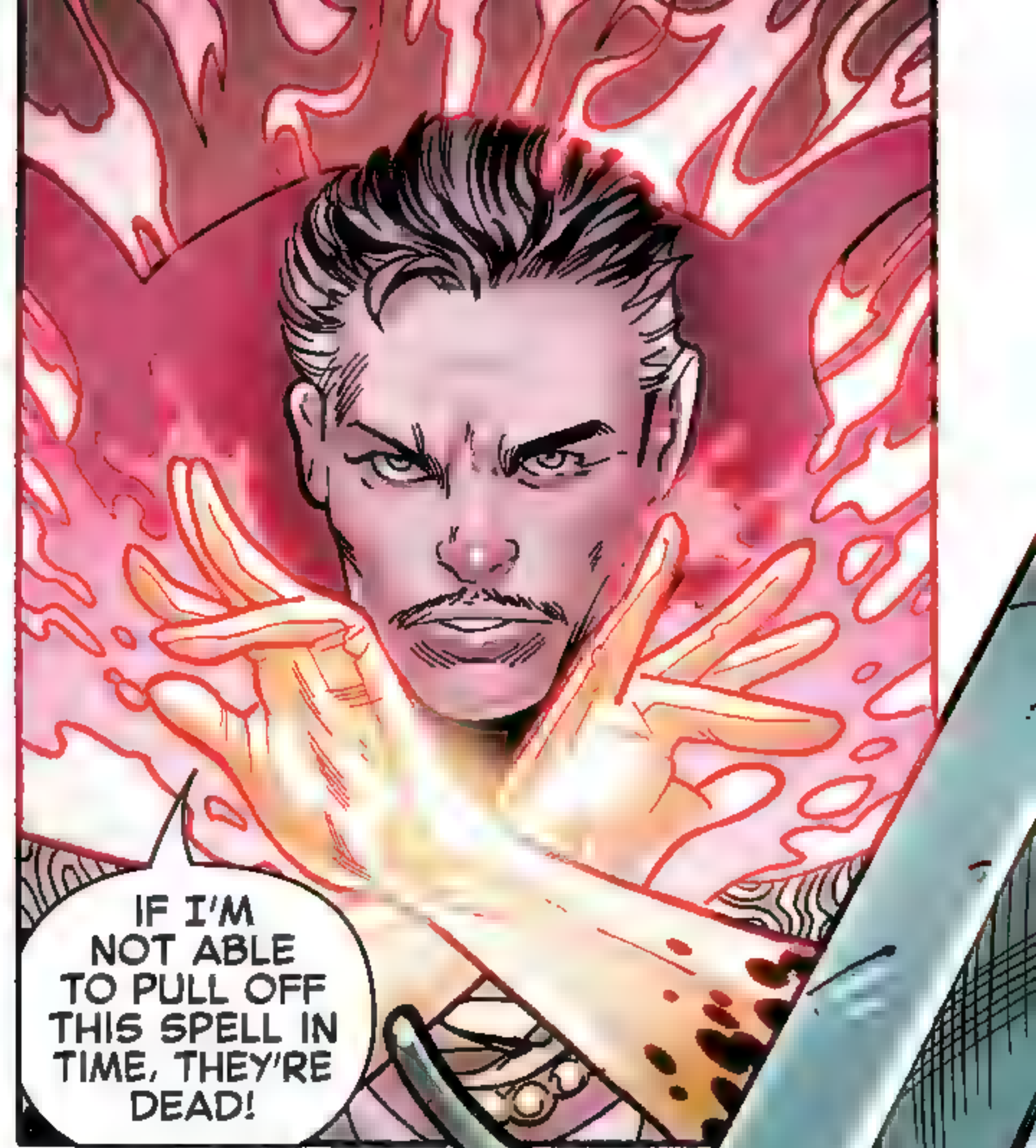
I SHOULD
GIVE CRICHTON
A CALL WHEN I
GET BACK.







STUPID
STRANGE. HE'S
PROBABLY HAVING
COFFEE AND
RELAXING.

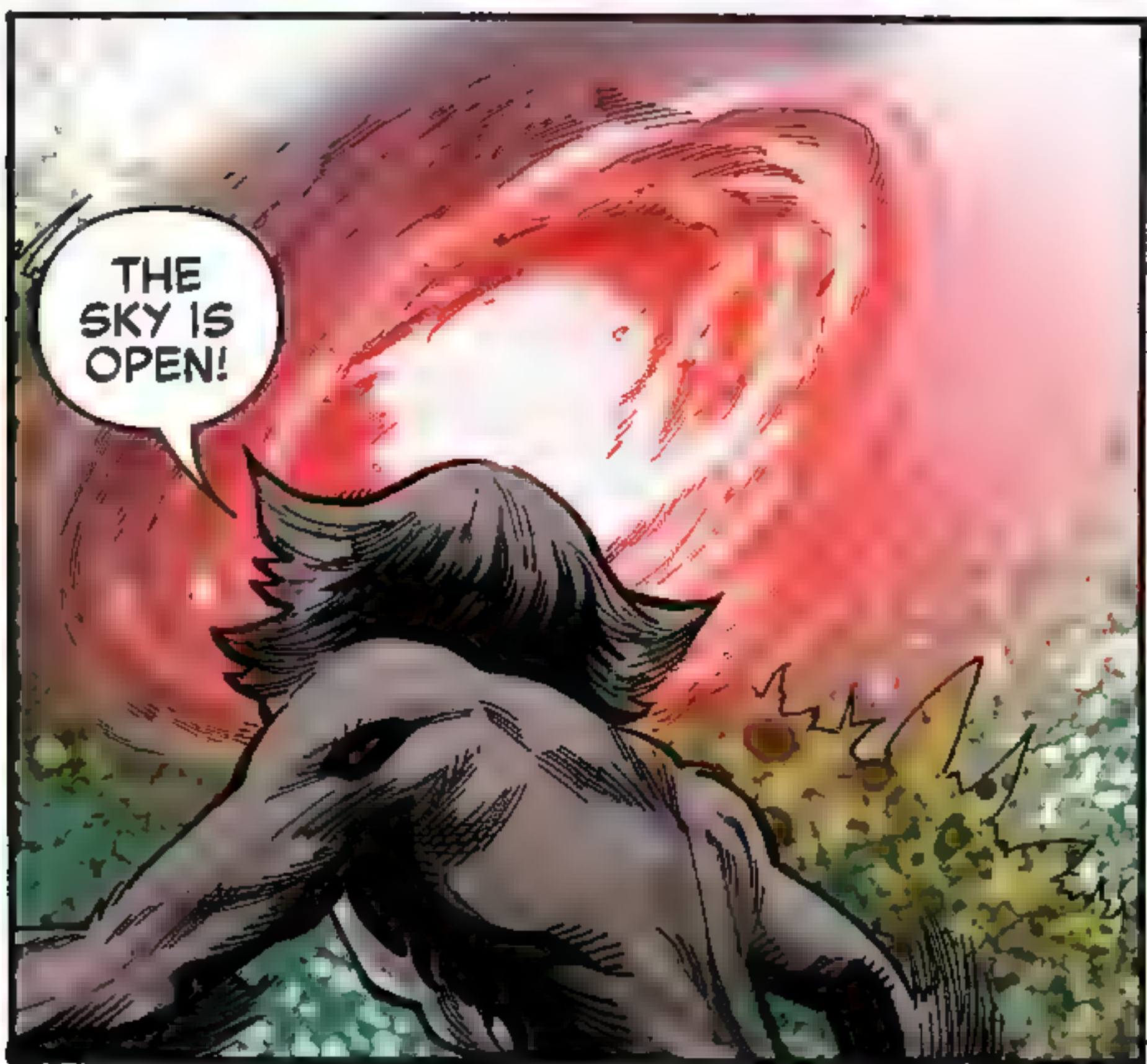


IF I'M
NOT ABLE
TO PULL OFF
THIS SPELL IN
TIME, THEY'RE
DEAD!



ONCE I GET
RID OF THESE
IDIOTS, I'LL
DISPOSE OF
YOU.

YEAH, THAT'S
ENCOURAGING!



THE
SKY IS
OPEN!



IS THIS
YOUR DOING,
SPIDER-MAN?



DOES IT
LOOK LIKE I
HAVE ANY IDEA
WHAT'S GOING
ON?!

I MAY
NOT KNOW FOR
SURE...BUT THIS
ENERGY REMINDS
ME OF DOCTOR
STRANGE...



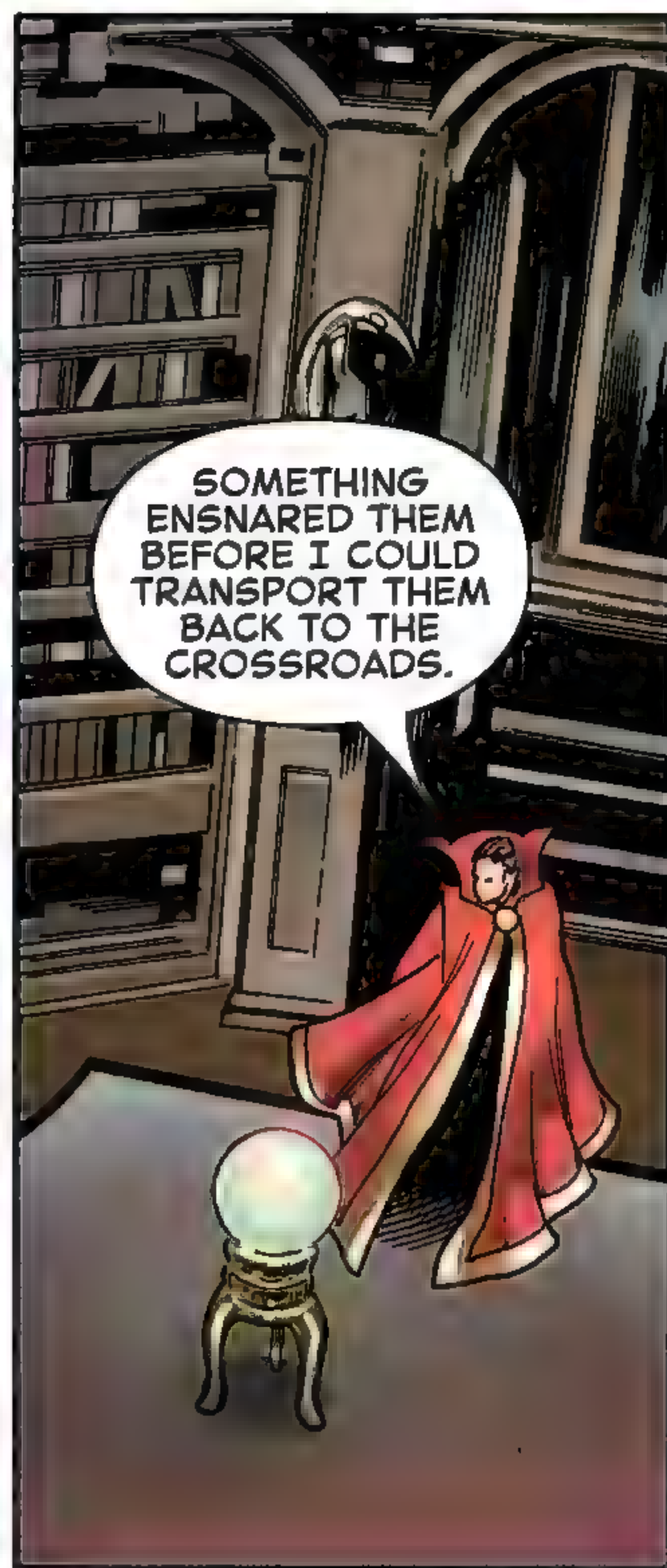
WHEN WE GET
TO WHEREVER
WE'RE GOING, I
WILL TAKE MY TIME
DISPATCHING
YOU.

THANKS FOR
THE POSITIVE
IMAGERY.

HERE'S
HOPING THIS
IS DOC COMING
IN FOR THE
SAVE!



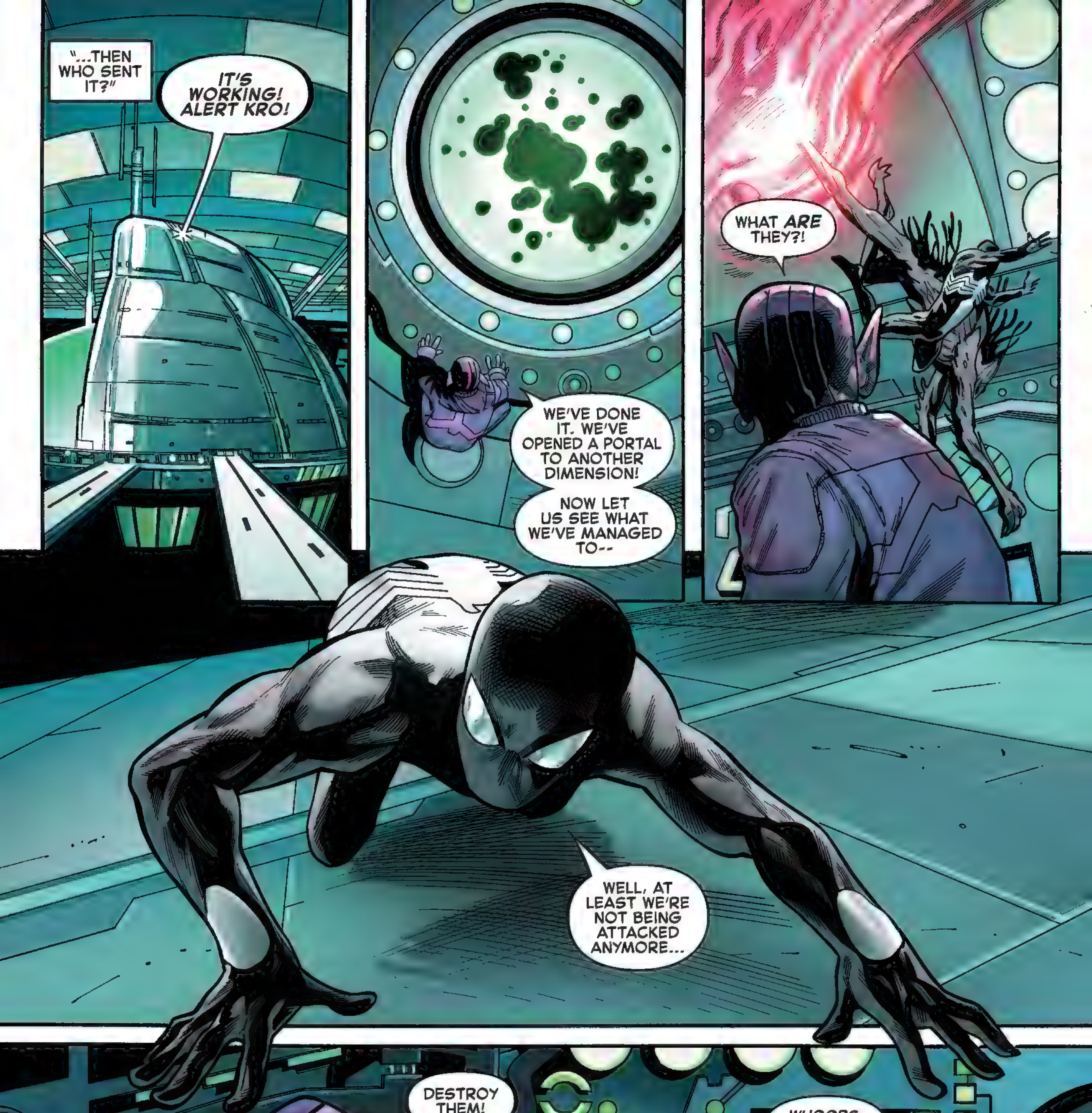
"THAT WAS
ODD."



SOMETHING
ENSNARED THEM
BEFORE I COULD
TRANSPORT THEM
BACK TO THE
CROSSROADS.



AND IT
WASN'T FROM
KARNILLA. BUT
IF NOT
HER...



"...THEN
WHO SENT
IT?"

IT'S
WORKING!
ALERT KRO!

WE'VE DONE
IT. WE'VE
OPENED A PORTAL
TO ANOTHER
DIMENSION!

NOW LET
US SEE WHAT
WE'VE MANAGED
TO--

WHAT ARE
THEY?!

WELL, AT
LEAST WE'RE
NOT BEING
ATTACKED
ANYMORE...



DESTROY
THEM!

WHOOPS.
SPOKE TOO
SOON.

ONE
SIDE!





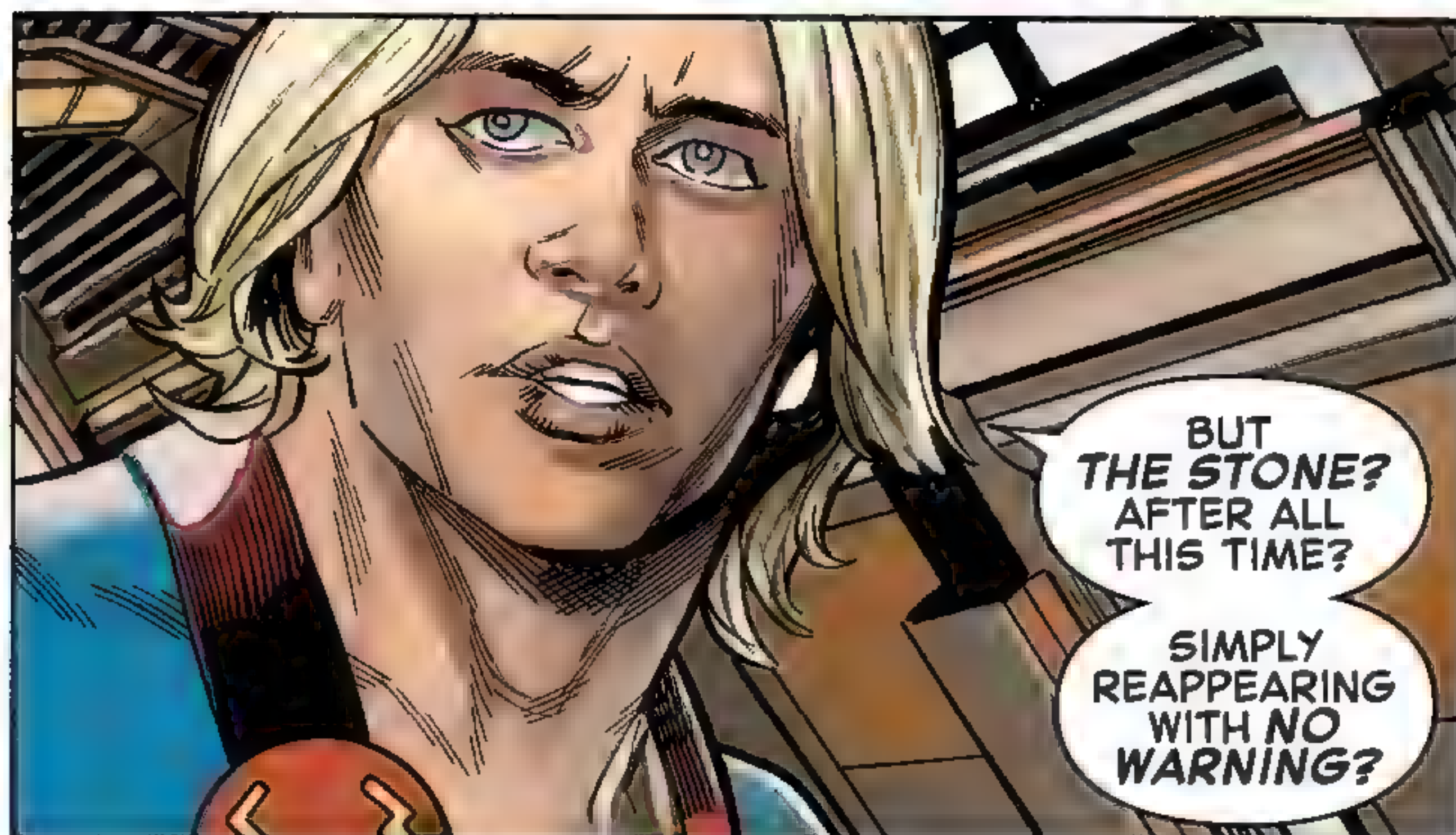


YOU
ARE CERTAIN
OF THIS,
ZURAS?

DOMO WAS
MOST CERTAIN.
I TEND TO TRUST
HIM WHEN HE
PROVIDES US WITH
INFORMATION.

HE IS
OUR HEAD
TECHNOLOGIST,
AFTER ALL.

WITH RESPECT,
ZURAS, I KNOW
WHO HE IS.



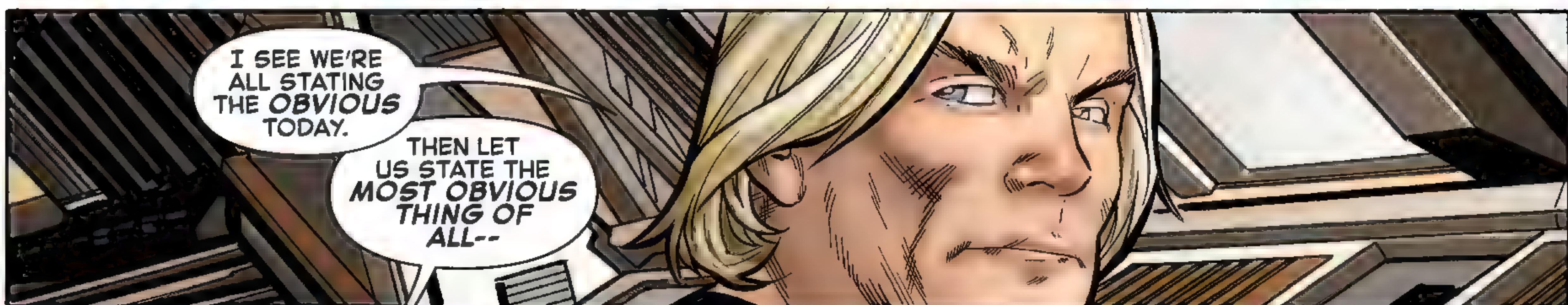
BUT
THE STONE?
AFTER ALL
THIS TIME?

SIMPLY
REAPPEARING
WITH NO
WARNING?



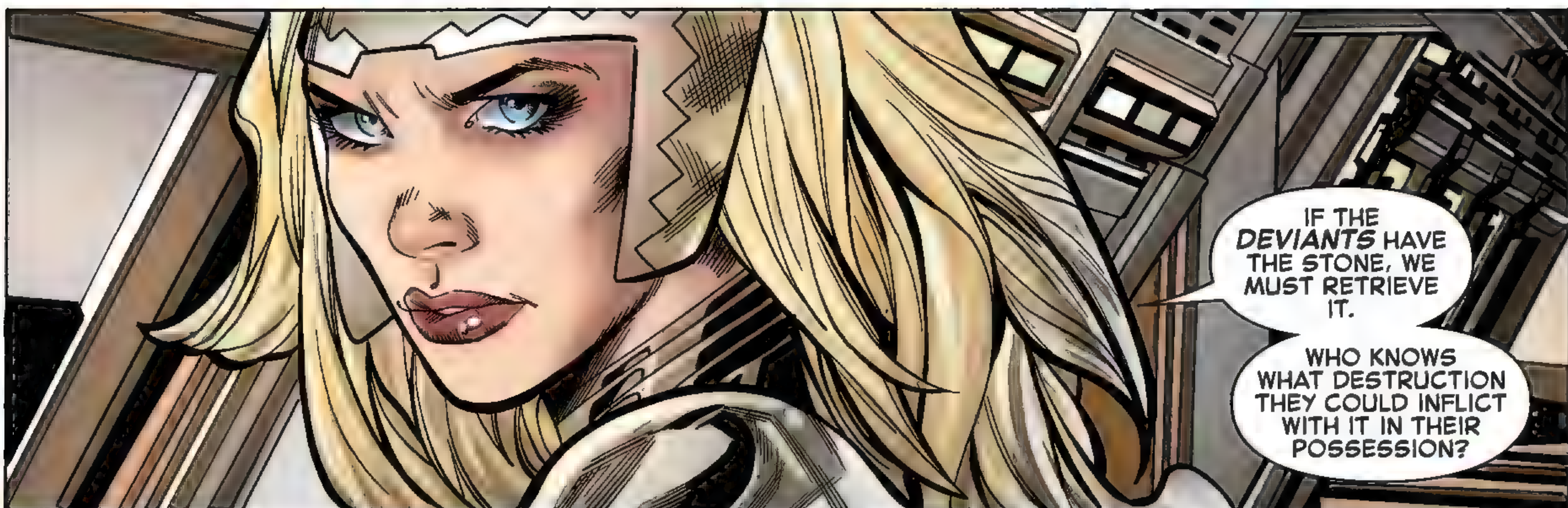
THINGS DON'T
ALWAYS ANNOUNCE
THEMSELVES,
IKARIS.

WHERE ELSE
DO SURPRISES
COME FROM,
AFTER ALL?



I SEE WE'RE
ALL STATING
THE **OBVIOUS**
TODAY.

THEN LET
US STATE THE
MOST **OBVIOUS**
THING OF
ALL--



IF THE
DEVIANTS HAVE
THE **STONE**, WE
MUST RETRIEVE
IT.

WHO KNOWS
WHAT DESTRUCTION
THEY COULD INFLICT
WITH IT IN THEIR
POSSESSION?



GET THESE
THINGS OFF
ME.

THEY'RE
STARTING TO
PISS ME
OFF.

OH, WELL
SURE--WOULDN'T
WANT THAT. I'M ALL
ABOUT KEEPING
YOU CALM.

HE MOVES
QUICKLY, THIS
ONE!

IS
HE EVEN
HUMAN?

THAT'S
BEEN DEBATED,
ACTUALLY. MIND
TELLING ME WHO
YOU GUYS
ARE?

WE ARE
THE DEVIANTS!
AND YOU ARE
OUR PREY!



OUR FATHER,
WHO ART IN
HEAVEN, HALLOWED
BE THY NAME.

PRAY?
YOU GOT
IT.

THY KINGDOM
COME.

THY
WILL BE
DONE.

ON EARTH
AS IT IS IN
HEAVEN.



WHERE
AM I?

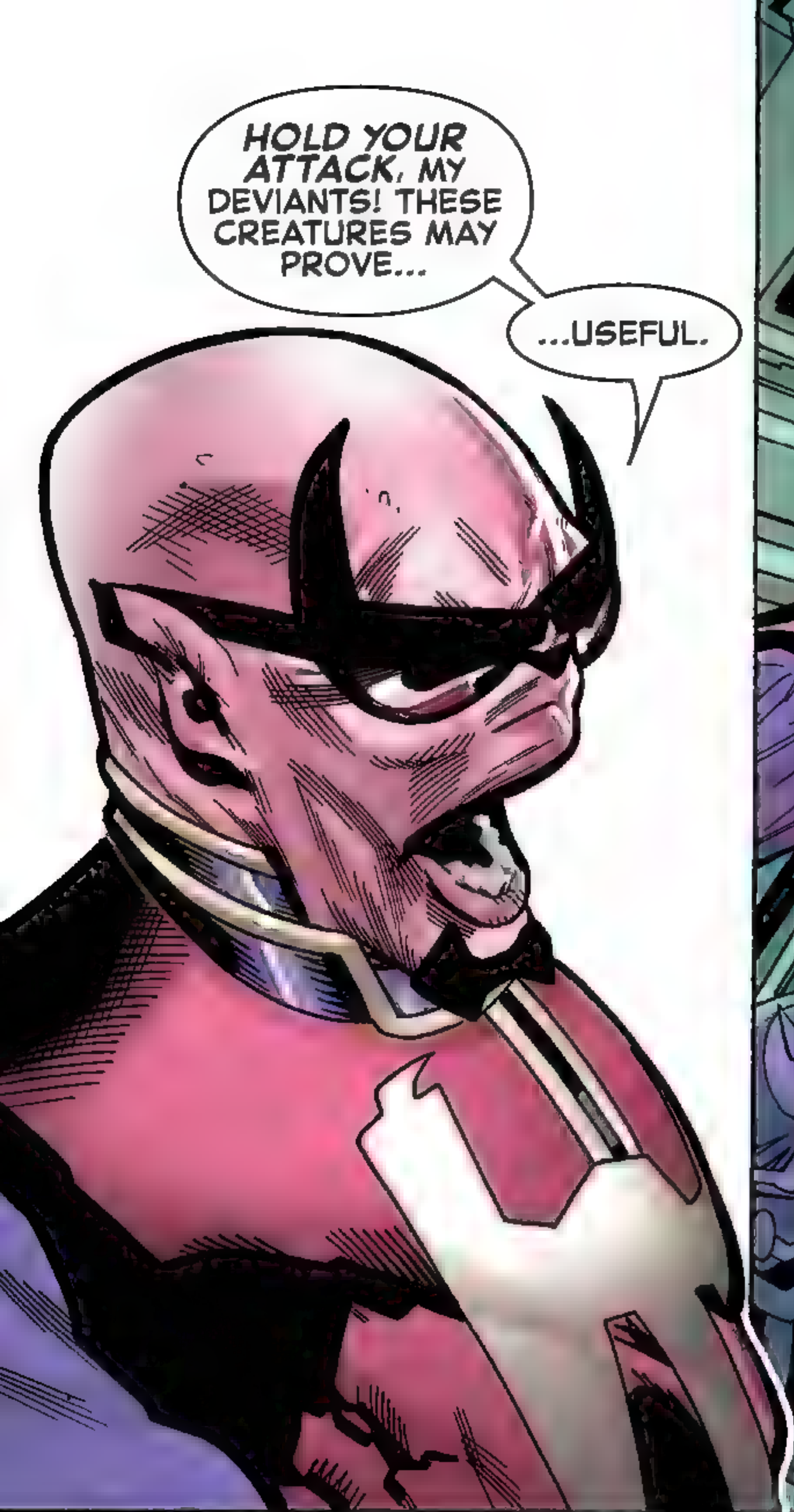
TELL ME
QUICKLY...

...OR I'LL RIP
OFF YOUR HEAD
AND ASK ONE OF
YOUR FRIENDS.



YOU TRULY
DO NOT KNOW
WHERE YOU ARE,
DO YOU?

I'M NOT IN
THE HABIT OF
ASKING QUESTIONS
I ALREADY KNOW
THE ANSWER TO.



...USEFUL.



THE CURSED ETERNALS.

FOLLOW ME.
OUR SURVEY
ROOM IS JUST
AHEAD.

NEW YORK

Goblet
of
Magic

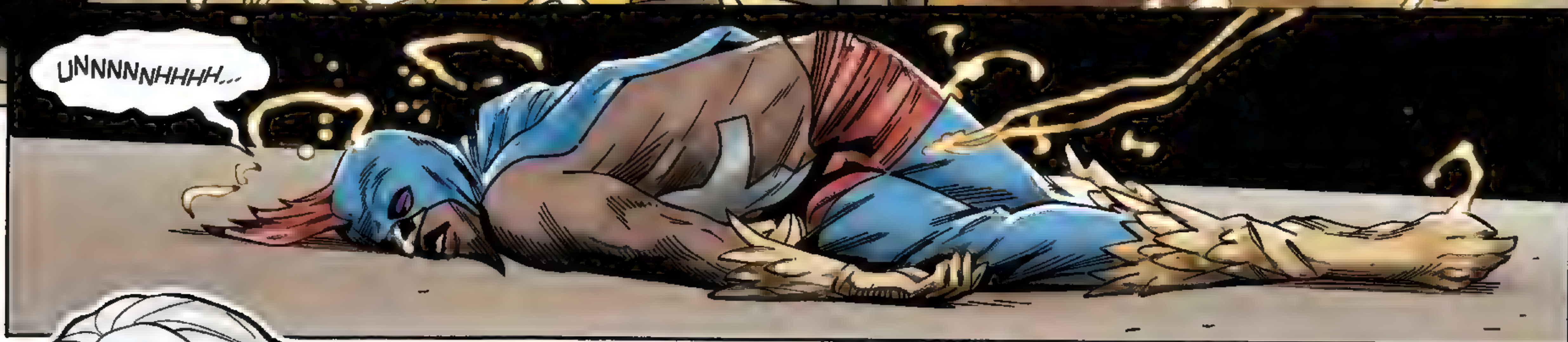
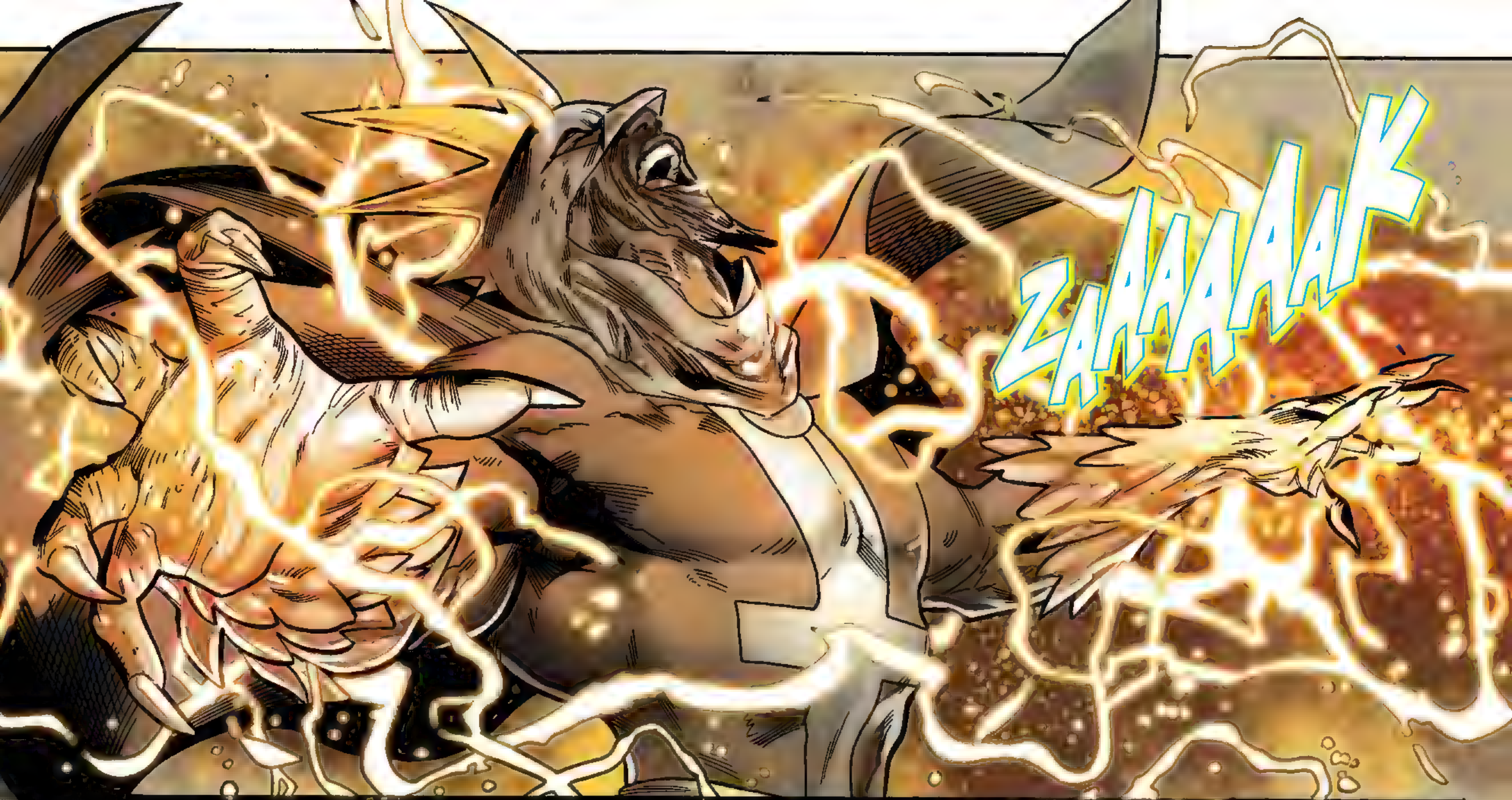
A MAGIC
SHOP? THAT
FIGURES.

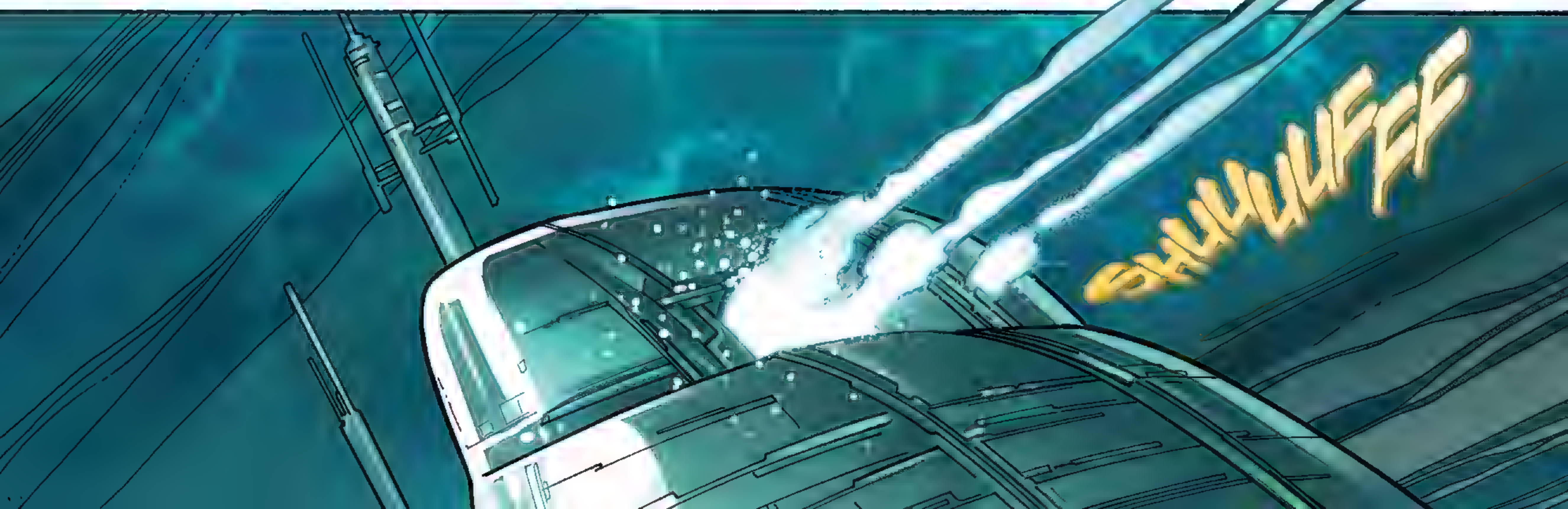
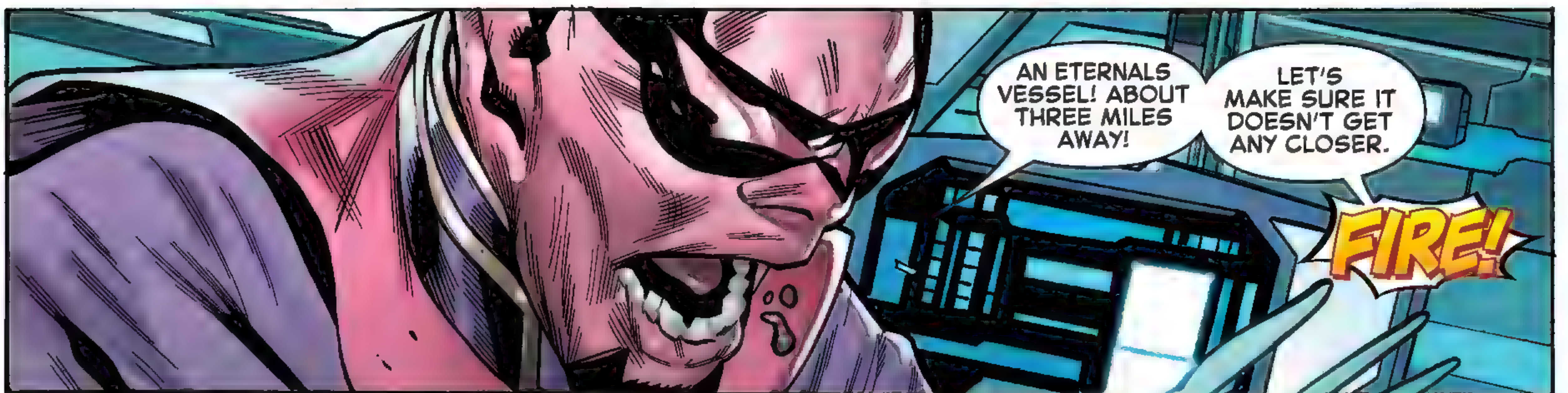
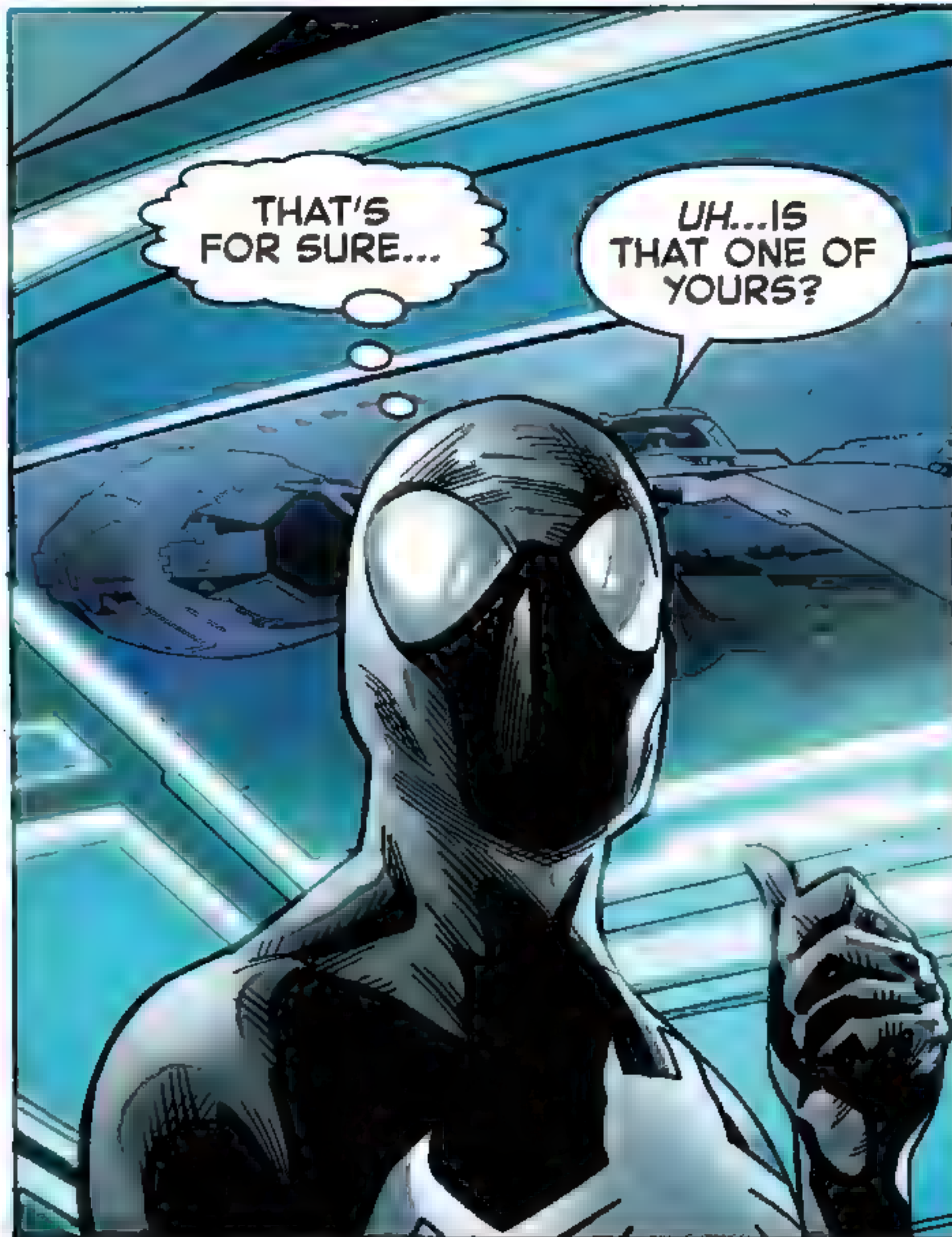
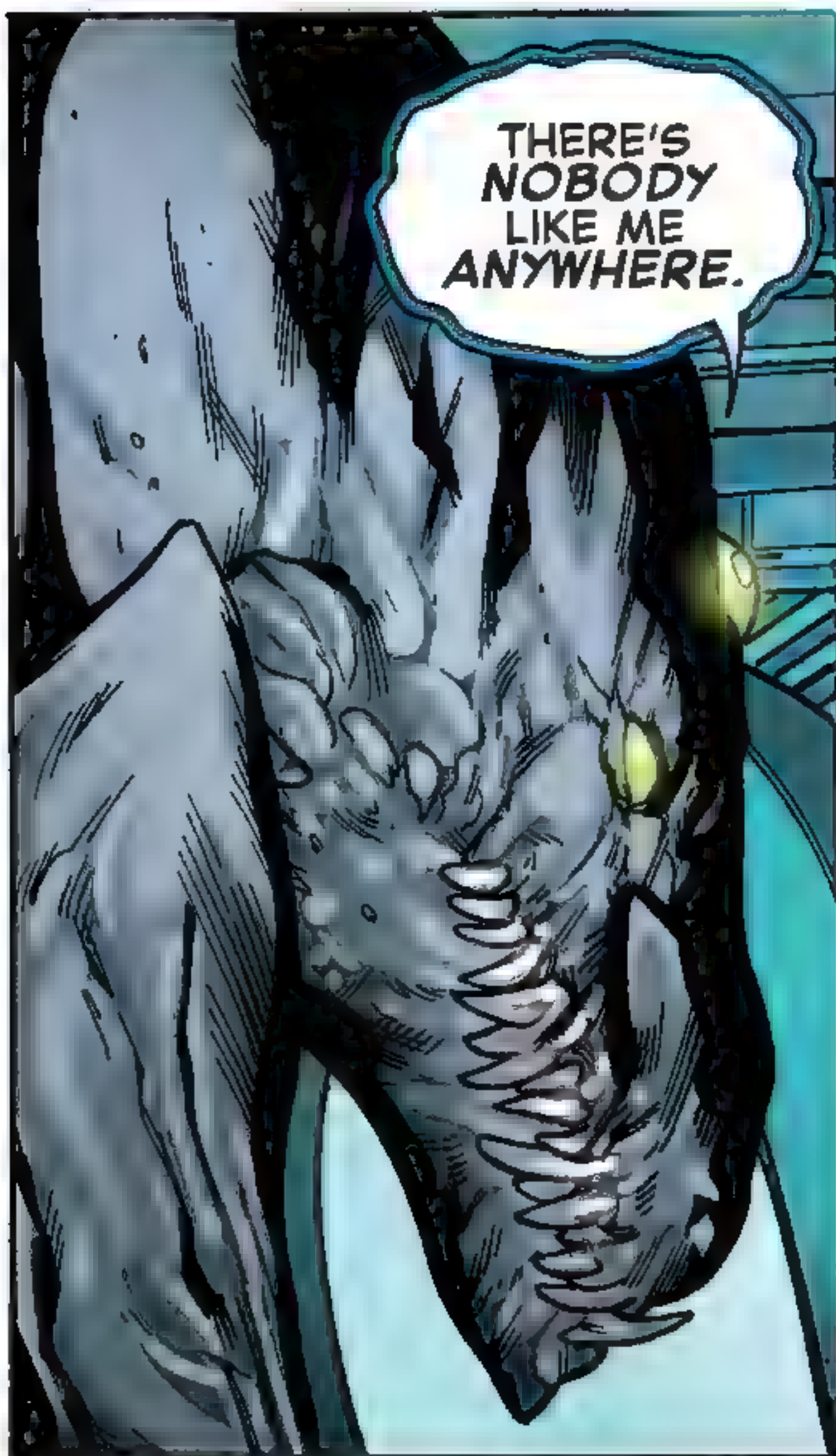
EXCUSE
ME. I'M
HERE TO PICK
UP A--

STAY
WHERE YOU
ARE.

THE
BLACK TALON
HAS BUSINESS
HERE.

THIS MAN
HAS THE BOTTLE
OF THE BLOOD OF
MARIE LAVEAU, AND
I WILL HAVE IT FOR
MY SPELLS!







YOU'RE JUST GONNA BLOW 'EM OUT OF THE WATER?!

WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING WHY THEY'RE COMING?!



IF THEY'RE ENEMIES, WHO CARES WHY THEY'RE COMING? THEY SHOULD BE DESTROYED.

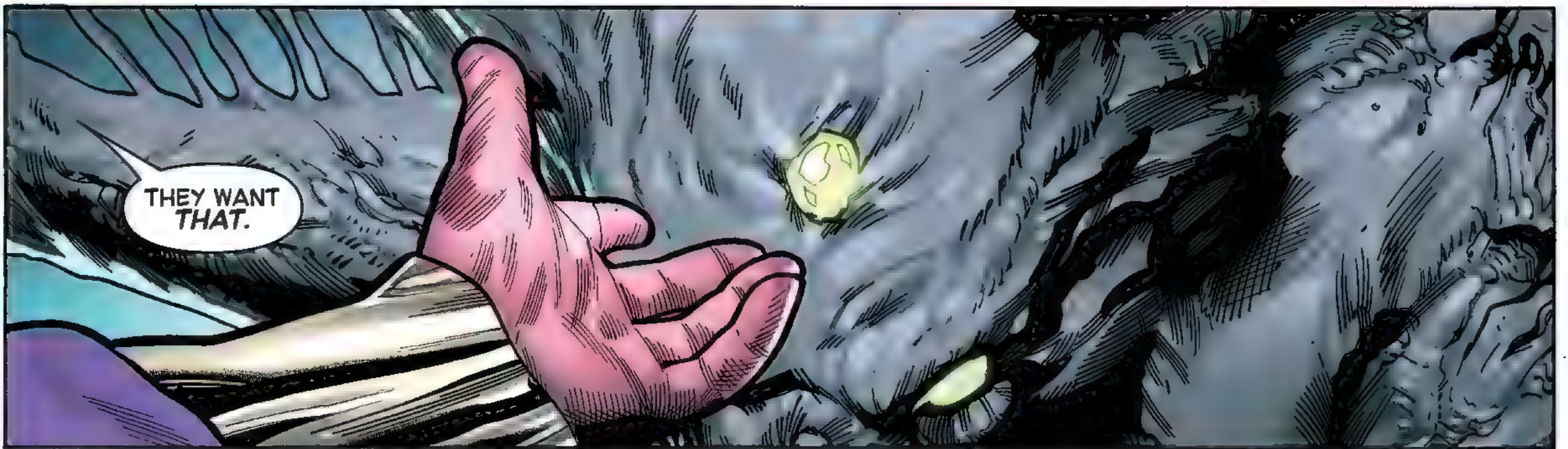
WHY ARE YOU ENDEAVORING TO REMIND ME THAT I SHOULD DESTROY YOU?

DO YOU KNOW HOW LITTLE EFFORT IT WOULD TAKE TO TEAR YOU APART?

OH YEAH, THIS ISN'T GOING WELL.



WE KNOW WHY THEY'RE COMING. THE ANSWER IS OBVIOUS.



THEY WANT THAT.



THIS? WHY?



YOU REALLY HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THAT IS, DO YOU?

ENLIGHTEN ME.



"I ASSUME YOU HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT A CELESTIAL IS. IT WOULD
TAKE ME HOURS TO EXPLAIN
WHAT WE KNOW OF THEM.

"SUFFICE TO SAY THAT THEY
ARE IMMORTAL CREATURES,
THE LIKES OF WHICH YOU
CANNOT IMAGINE.

"WHEN THIS UNIVERSE WAS IN ITS
INFANCY, THEY WERE AWARE OF
THE EXISTENCE OF OTHERS AND
WERE CURIOUS TO VISIT.

"SO THEY CREATED A SERIES OF
GEMS, WHICH ARE NOW REFERRED
TO AS THE **NORN STONES**. THESE
STONES ENABLED THE CELESTIALS
TO TRAVERSE THE DIMENSIONS.

"AMONG OTHER
THINGS.

"AND THEY CREATED
ONE STONE TO CONTROL
THE POWER OF THE OTHERS.
THIS WAS REFERRED TO AS
THE **MATRIX STONE**.

"THE MATRIX STONE
HAS BEEN LOST FOR
EONS. LOST..."



...UNTIL NOW.



AND IT INCREASES THE STRENGTH OF WHOEVER IT BONDS WITH?

THAT IS CORRECT.

BY HOW MUCH?

I...DO NOT UNDERSTAND.



BY. HOW. MUCH?

YOU KNOW WHAT? NEVER MIND.

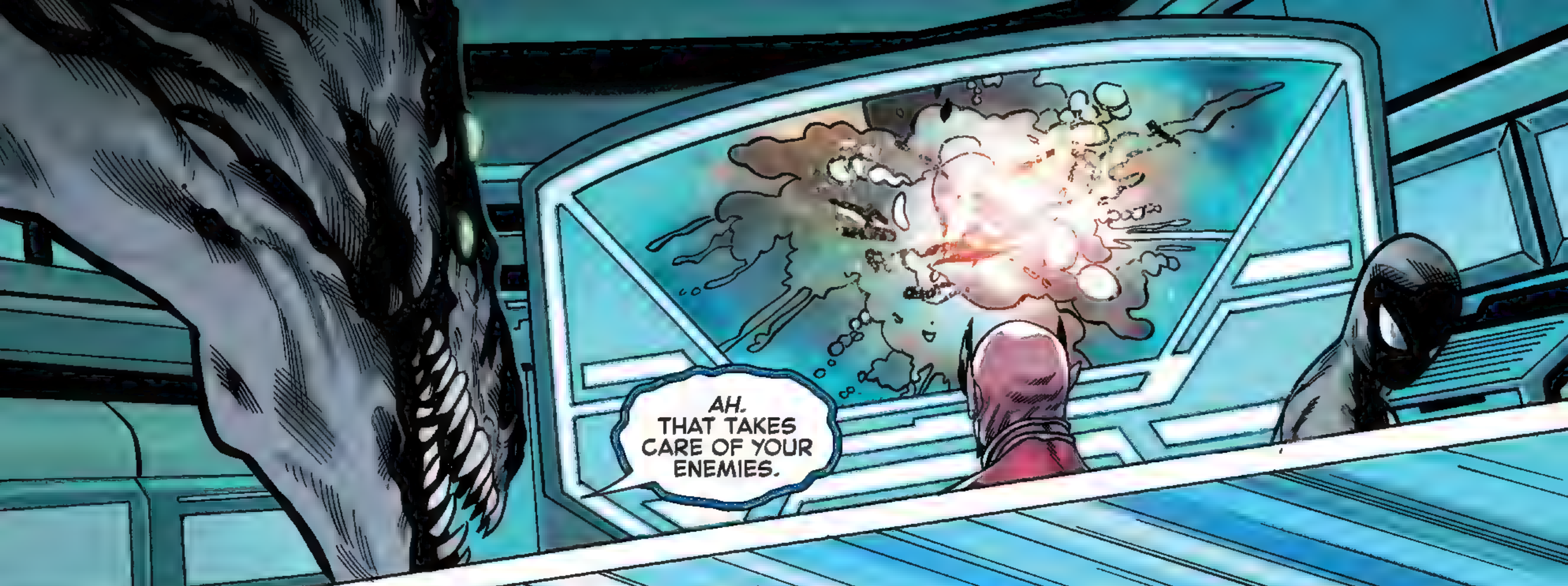


Oh, holy crap, he's growing.

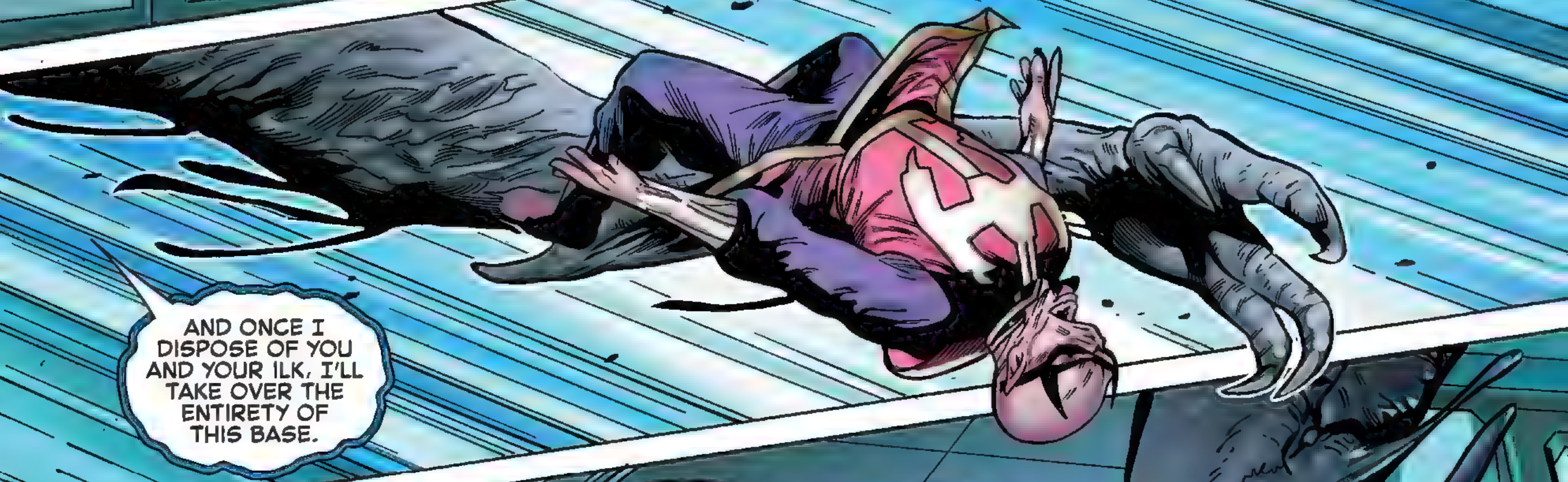


THIS STONE IS APPARENTLY LIMITED BY THE WILL OF ITS POSSESSOR.

AND AS IT HAPPENS, I HAVE PLENTY OF WILL.



AH.
THAT TAKES
CARE OF YOUR
ENEMIES.



AND ONCE I
DISPOSE OF YOU
AND YOUR ILK, I'LL
TAKE OVER THE
ENTIRETY OF
THIS BASE.



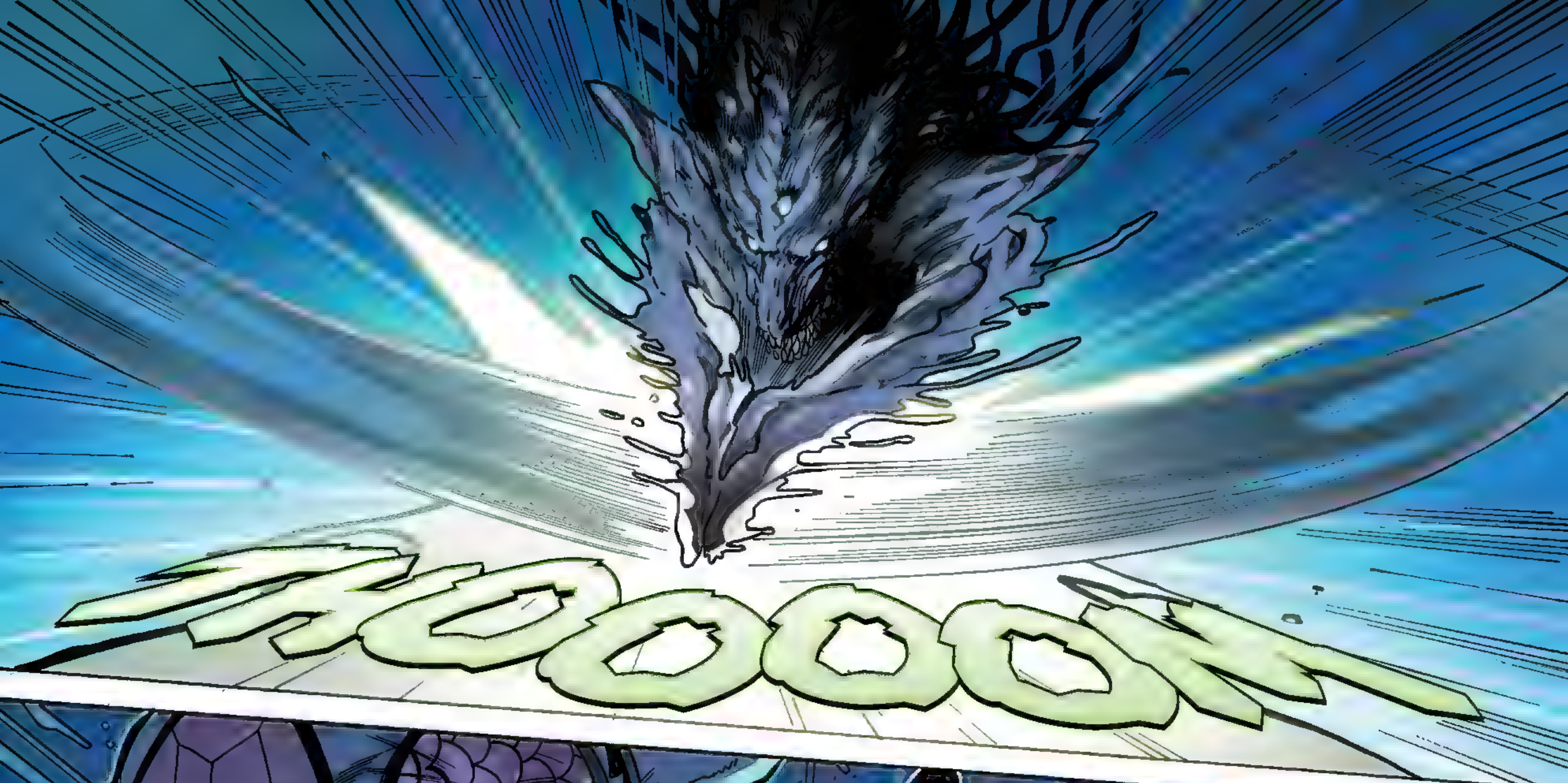
BRUCE.
BRUCE, YOU
GOTTA TAKE
CHARGE. YOU
GOTTA COME
BACK.

I TOLD YOU,
STOP CALLING
ME THAT. THE
NAME IS BRIAN.



AND
YOUR NAME
IS MUD.

BOOM



MY GOD...
I'VE BEEN ON
THE RECEIVING
END OF THE HULK
SLAMMING HIS
HANDS TOGETHER
BEFORE...

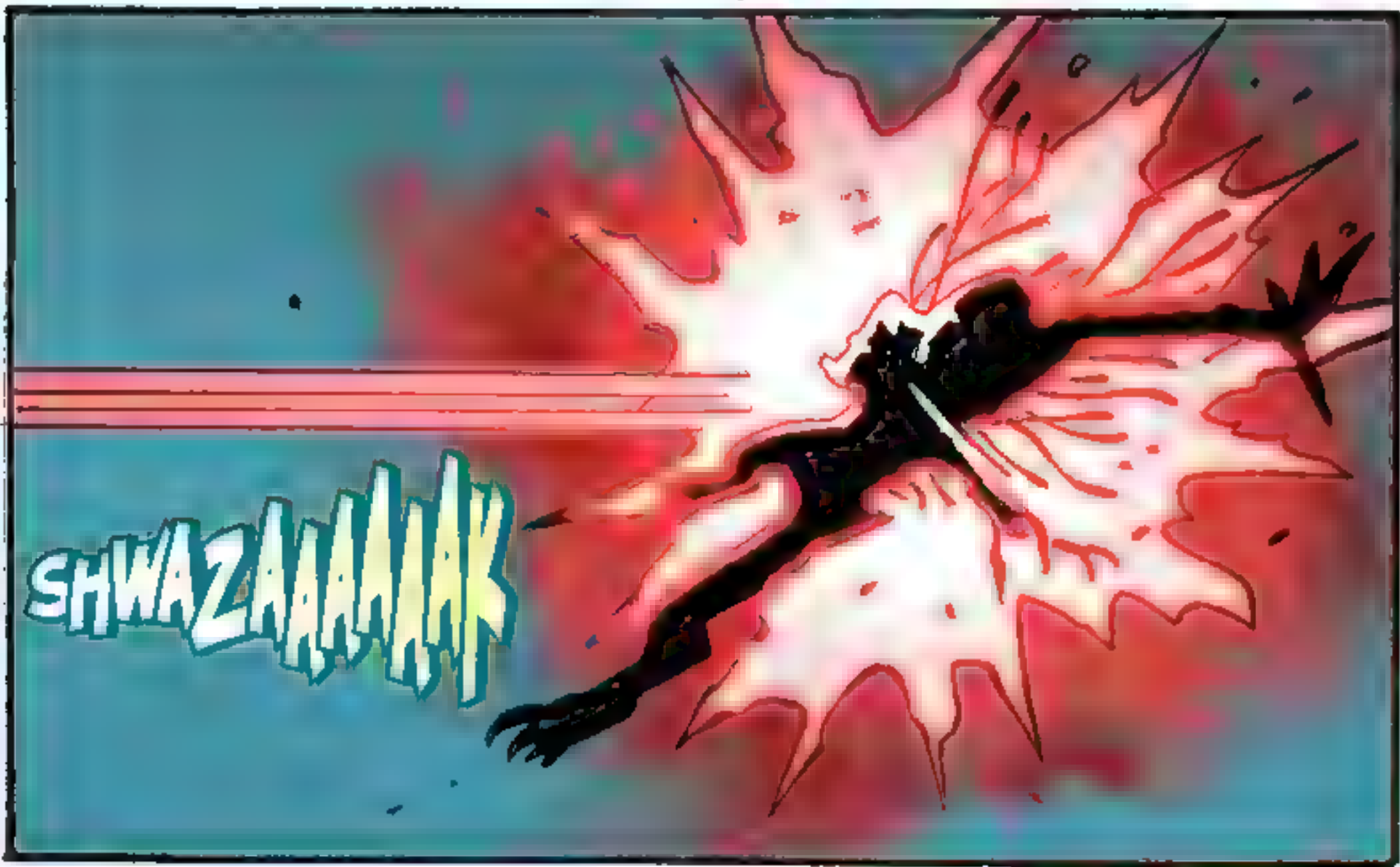
...BUT THIS IS
A HUNDRED TIMES
WORSE. I FEEL IT
IN THE ROOTS
OF MY TEETH.



OOOOFFF!!!

DEAFENED,
SPIDER-MAN?
THAT MUST
HURT.

GOOD THING
YOU WON'T
HEAR YOUR DEATH
DESCENDING
UPON YOU.



HE SEEMED
INTENT ON
HURTING YOU,
MY STRANGELY
CLAD FRIEND.

WHAT?

YOU WILL
BE ALL RIGHT
NOW.

WHAAAAT?

DID YOU TRULY THINK, KRO, THAT DISPOSING OF OUR VESSEL WOULD HINDER BEINGS THAT CAN TRANSPORT THEMSELVES OVER SHORT DISTANCES?

TO ME, MY DEVIANTS! HURRY! HUR--

STOP RIGHT THERE, KRO.

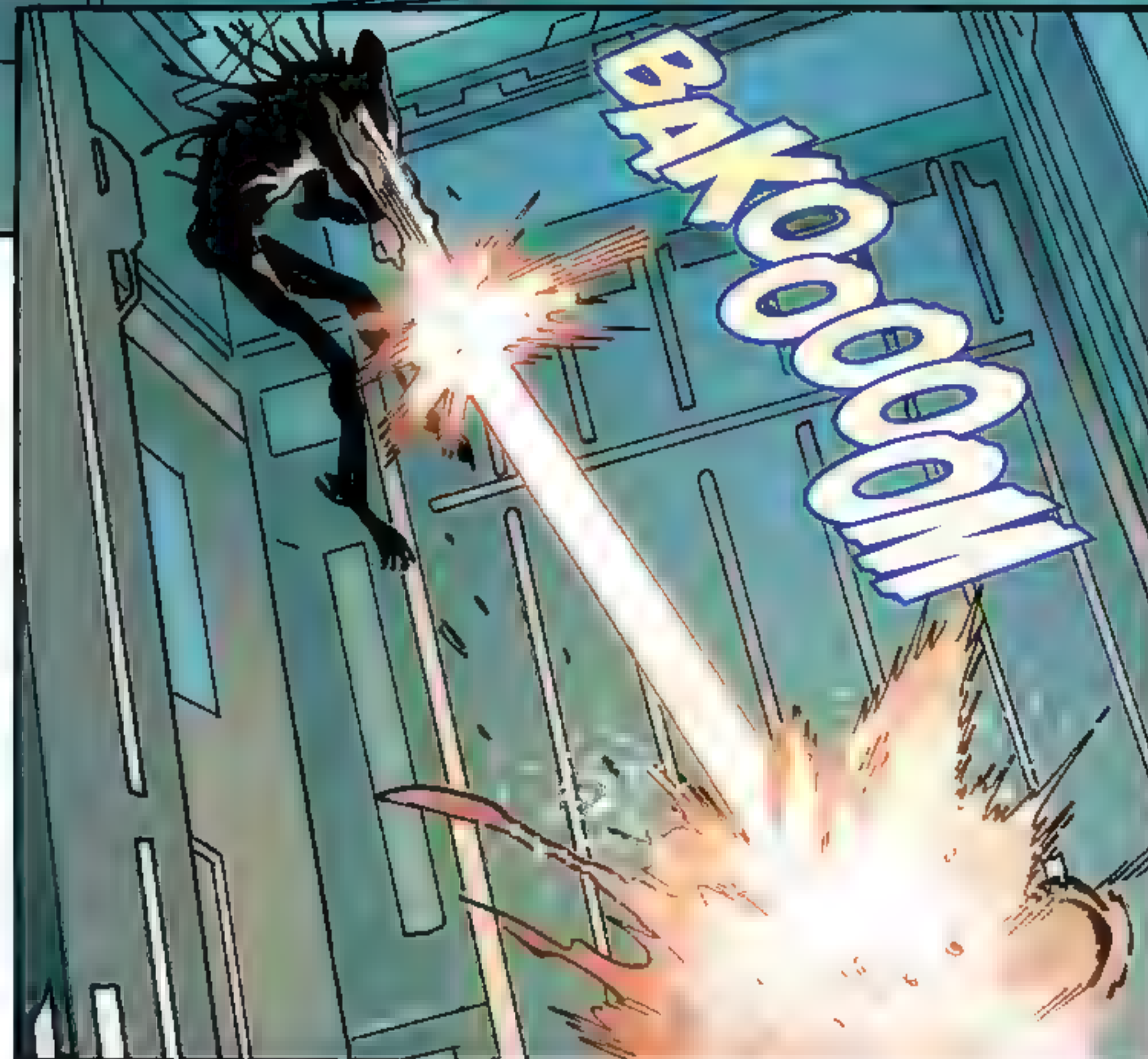
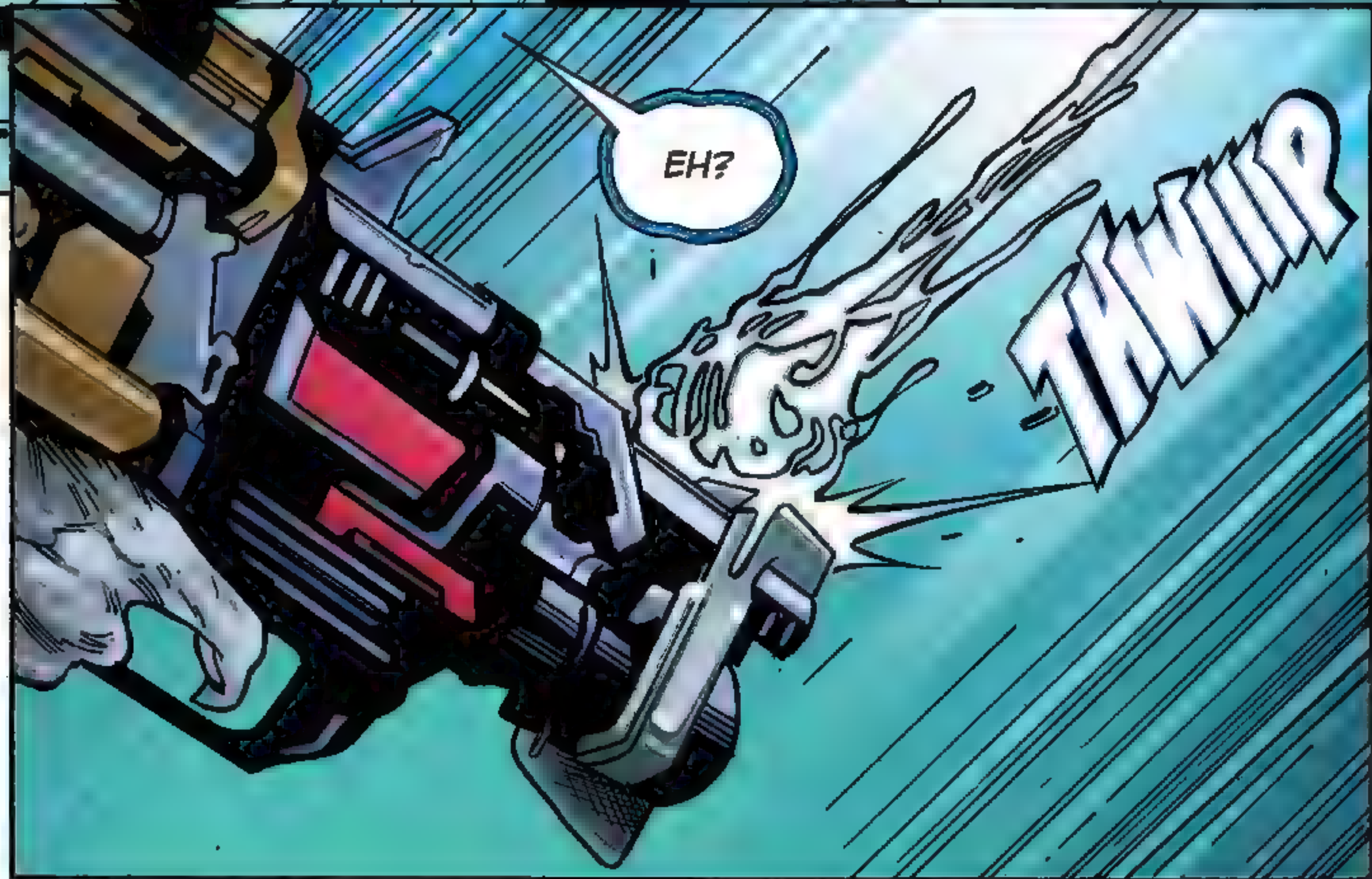
YOU ATTEMPTED TO DESTROY US. THERE MUST BE CONSEQUENCES FOR THAT.

IT WAS SIMPLY A WARNING. I KNEW YOU WOULD ESCAPE.

OH, DID YOU?

WE HAVE FOUGHT EACH OTHER FOR AGES, THENA. YOU THINK I DO NOT KNOW WHAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF?

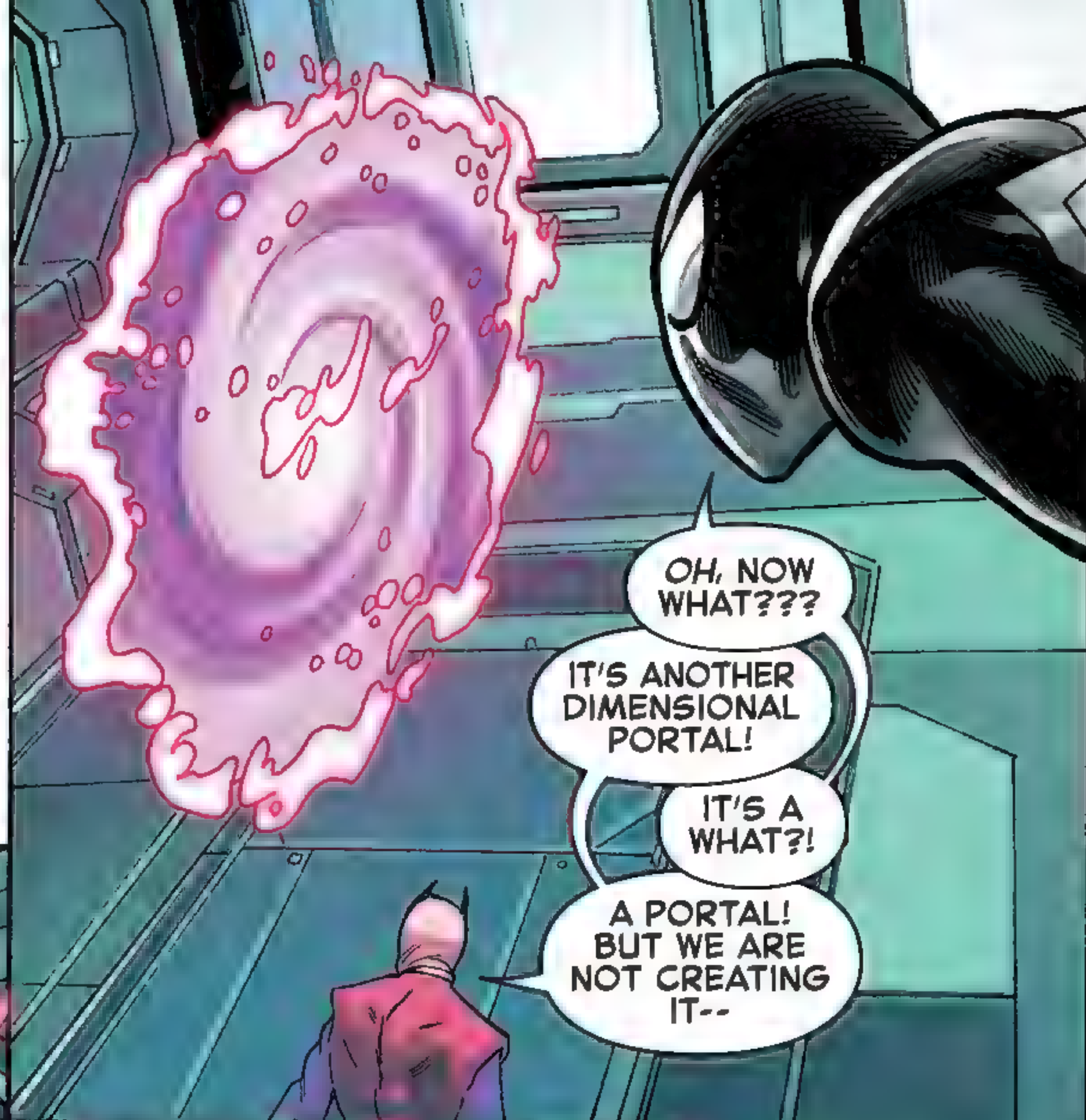
THENA! SHIELD!!!





GOOD
MOVE!

WHAAAAAT?!

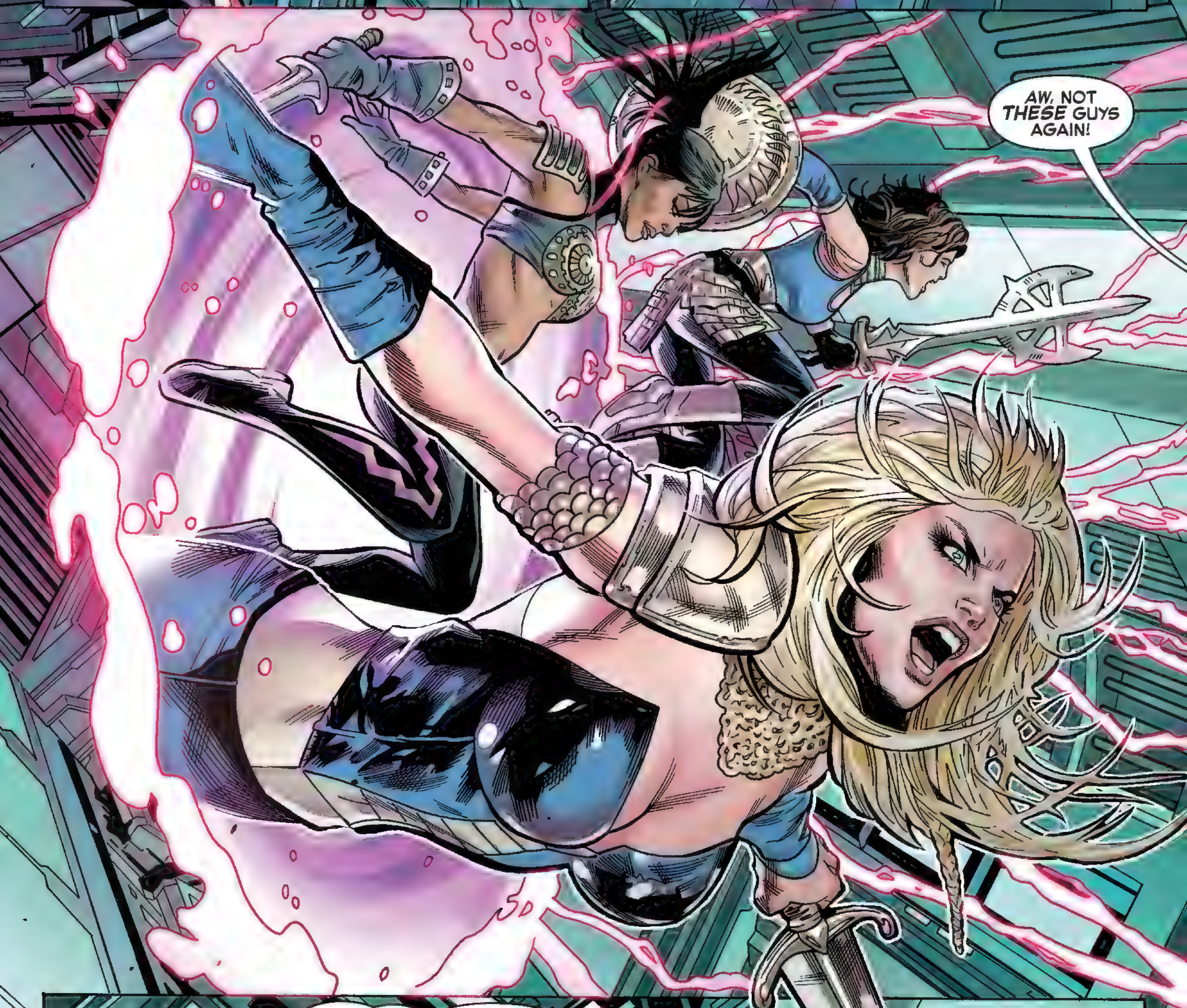


OH, NOW
WHAT???

IT'S ANOTHER
DIMENSIONAL
PORTAL!

IT'S A
WHAT?!

A PORTAL!
BUT WE ARE
NOT CREATING
IT--



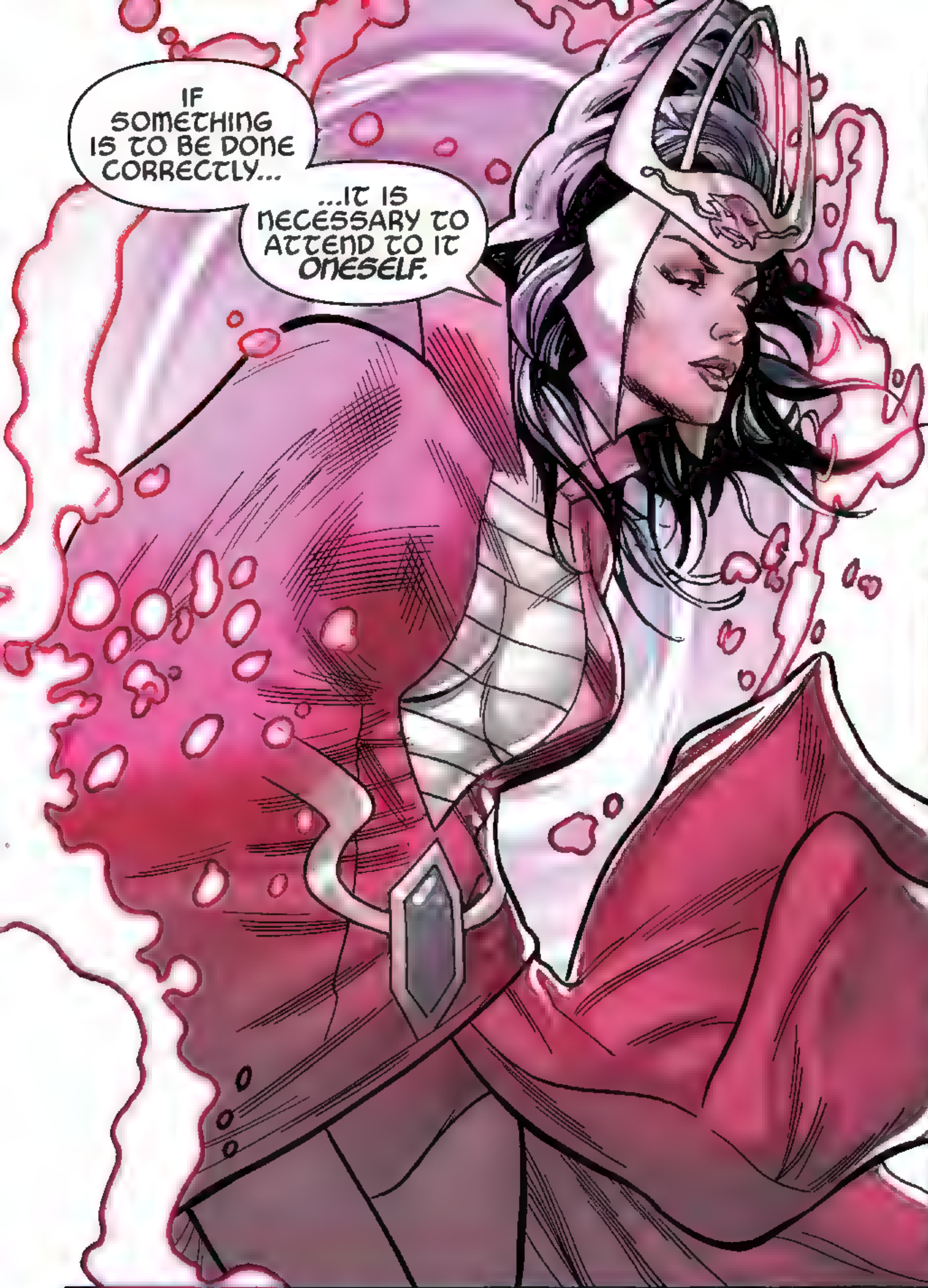
AW, NOT
THESE GUYS
AGAIN!



NORNS!

WHO?

THEY ARE
MINIONS WHO
SERVE--



IF
SOMETHING
IS TO BE DONE
CORRECTLY...

...IT IS
NECESSARY TO
ATTEND TO IT
ONESELF.



GOT IT!
RIGHT HERE
IN THIS--OH
GEEZ. THAT'S
CARMELLA,
ISN'T IT?

KARNILLA,
AND YES. THIS
IS VERY NOT
GOOD.



KARNILLA.

DO
I KNOW
YOU?

THAT IS...
DEBATABLE.

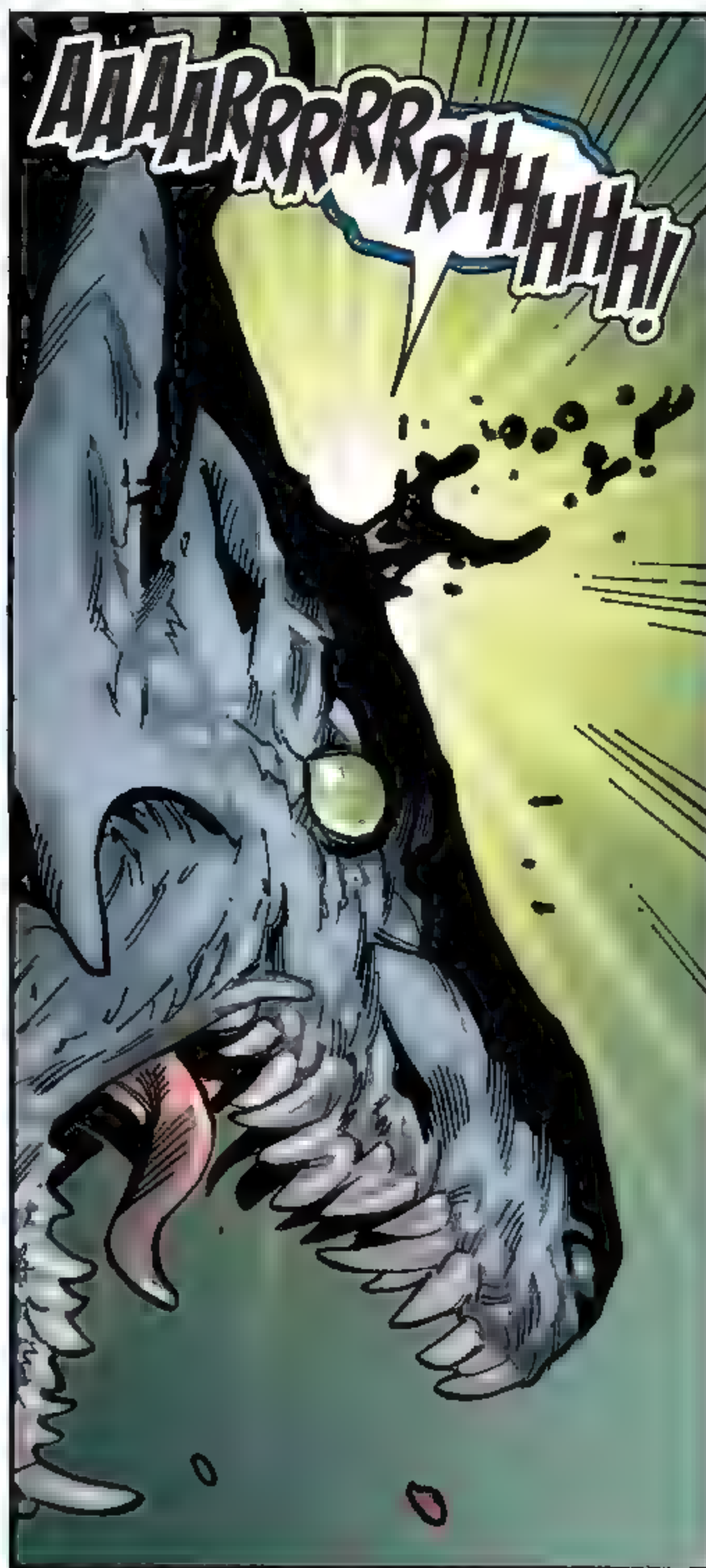


I HAVE NO INTEREST
IN DEBATES. I HAVE
OTHER MATTERS
TO ATTEND TO.

BLAST!
PROTECT THE
STONE!



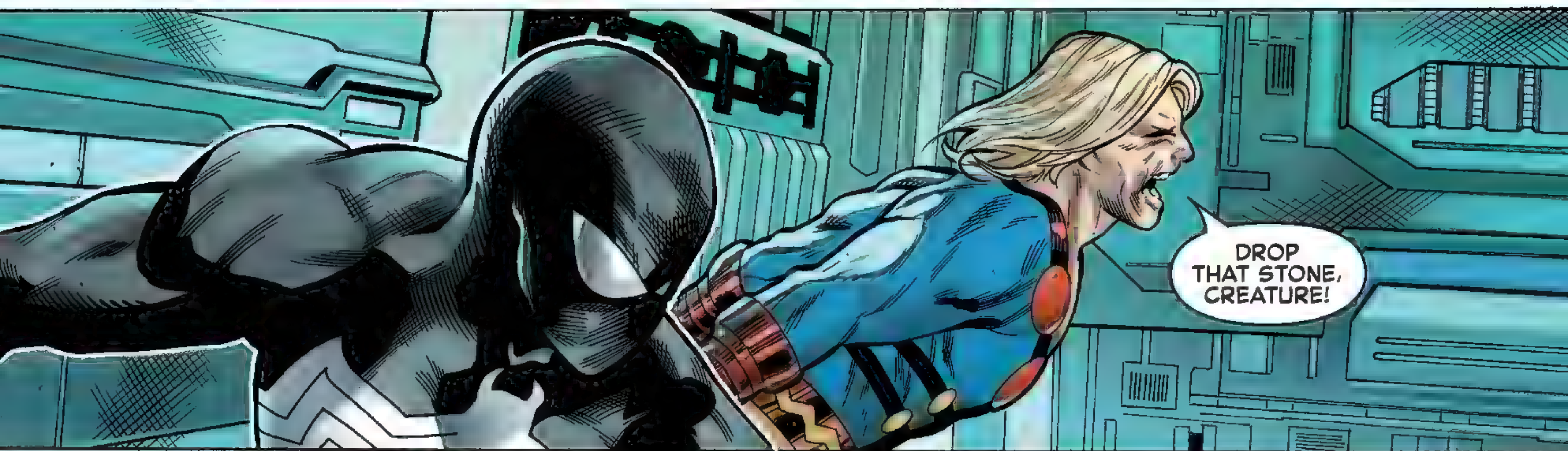
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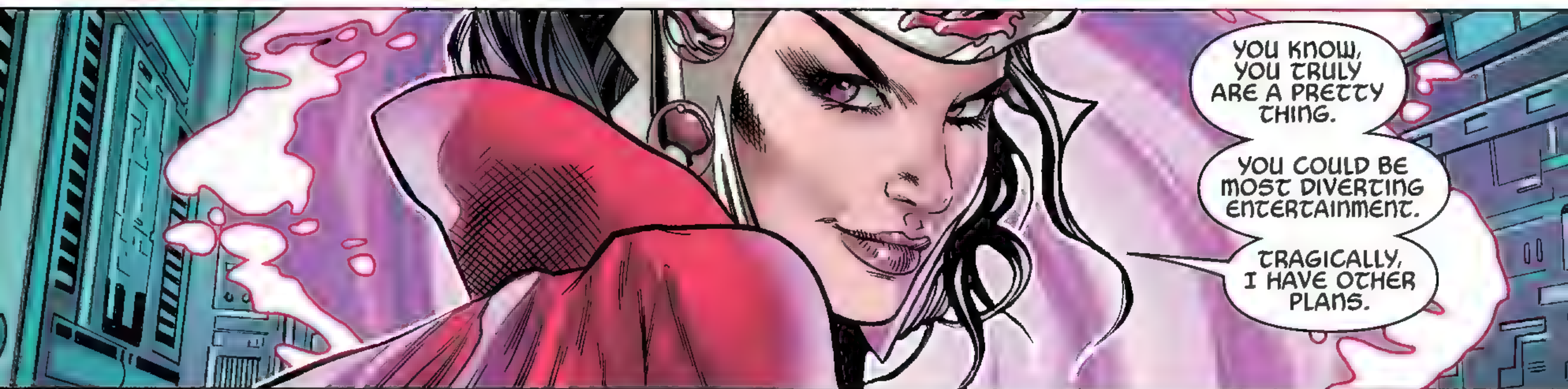


AT
LAST! AT
LAST!!!

EH? WHAT IS...
HAPPENING...?



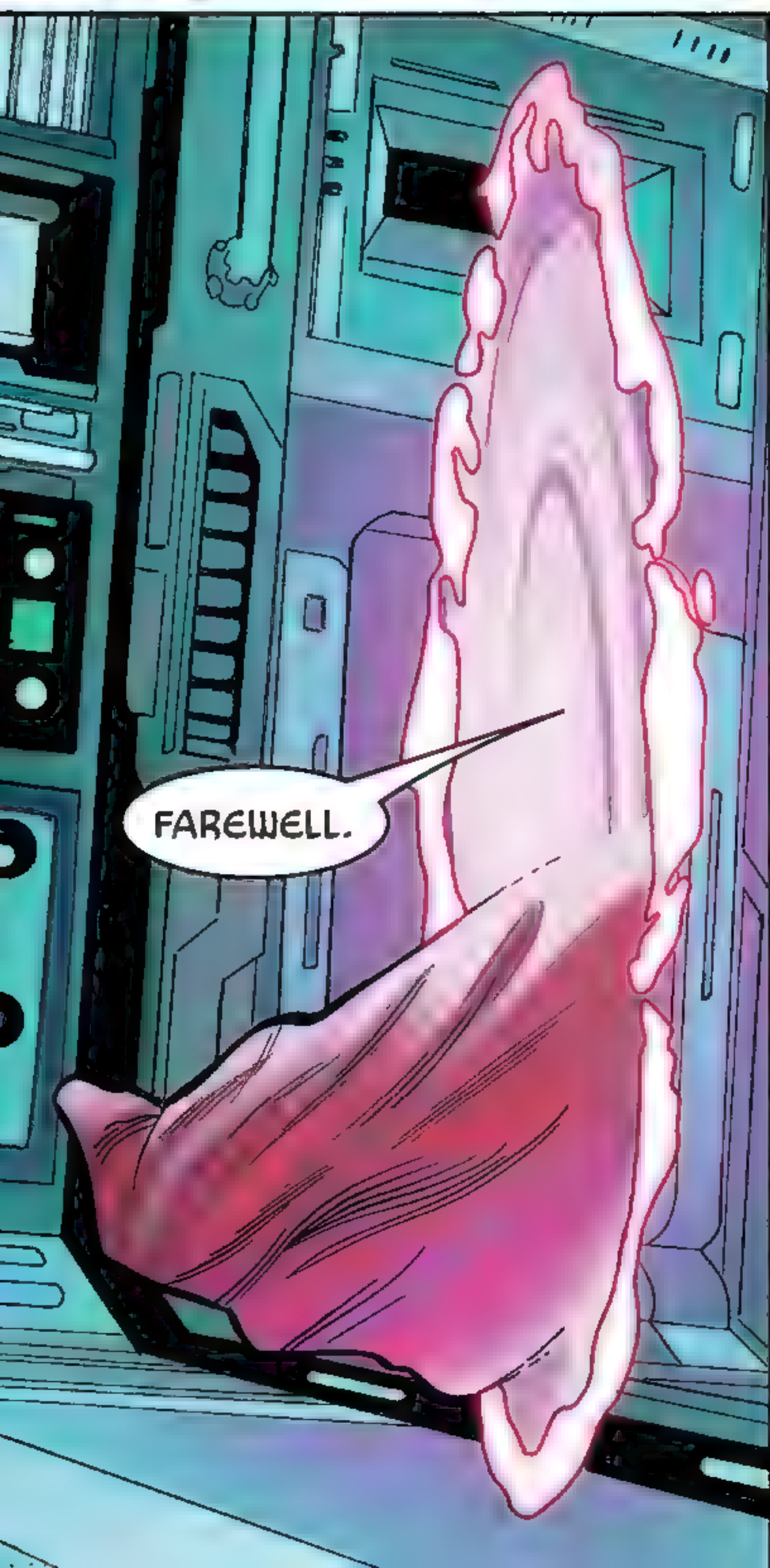
DROP
THAT STONE,
CREATURE!



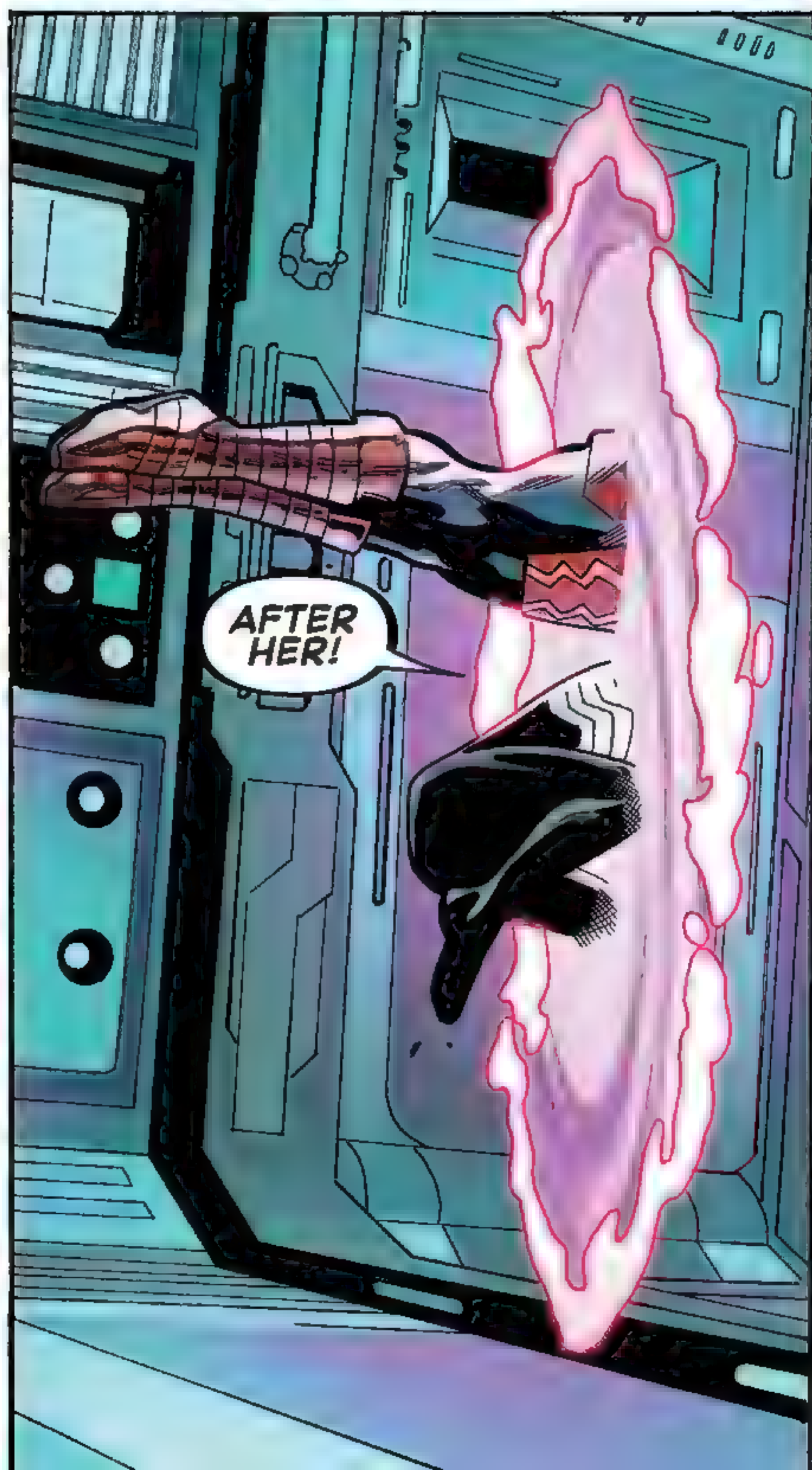
YOU KNOW,
YOU TRULY
ARE A PRETTY
THING.

YOU COULD BE
MOST DIVERTING
ENTERTAINMENT.

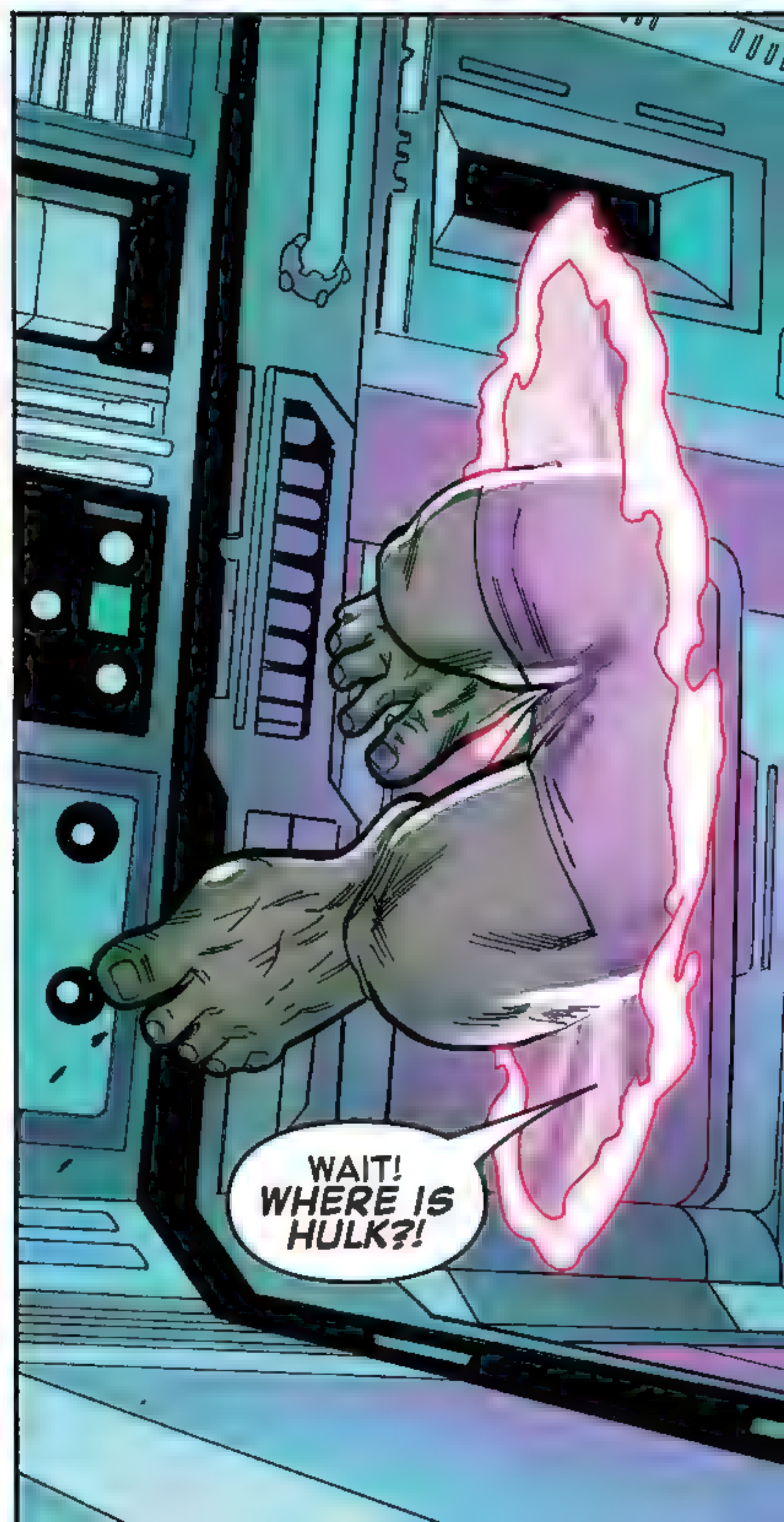
TRAGICALLY,
I HAVE OTHER
PLANS.



FAREWELL.



AFTER
HER!



WAIT!
WHERE IS
HULK?!



NOW
WHAT?!

THAT'S...A
REALLY GOOD
QUESTION.

WHERE
ARE WE?



YOU ARE
IN NORRHEIM,
CHILDREN. THE
REALM OF
KARNILLA...

...WHO NOW
HAS SUFFICIENT
POWER TO CHALLENGE
ODIN HIMSELF FOR
DOMINANCE OF THE
NINE REALMS!

WELL,
THAT'S JUST
SWELL.





SO. THIS IS
WHAT THE FATES
ASSEMBLED TO TRY
AND IMPEDE
ME?

A TRULY
PATHETIC ARRAY OF
CHALLENGERS.

A HUMAN,
AN ETERNAL AND
A...*THING* OF
SOME SORT.

I HATE TO
AGREE WITH HER,
BUT I KINDA THINK
SHE'S RIGHT.

I FIGHT
STREET THUGS
AND MAD SCIENTISTS
WITH METAL
ARMS.

THIS GIG
IS WAAAY
ABOVE MY PAY
GRADE.

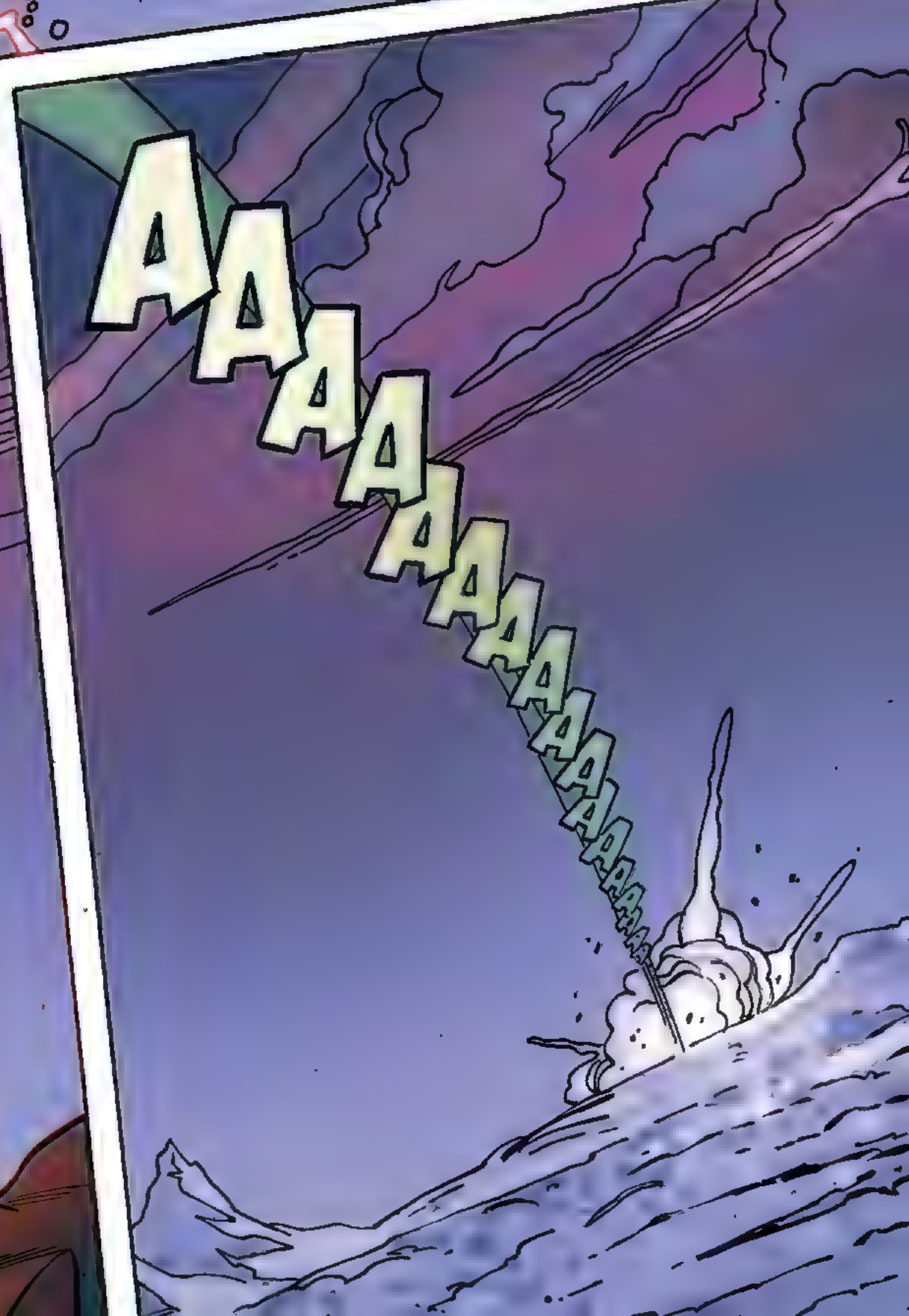


NOT THING!
THING IS STUPID
ORANGE ROCK
GUY!

I'M
HULK!!!



I STAND
CORRECTED.

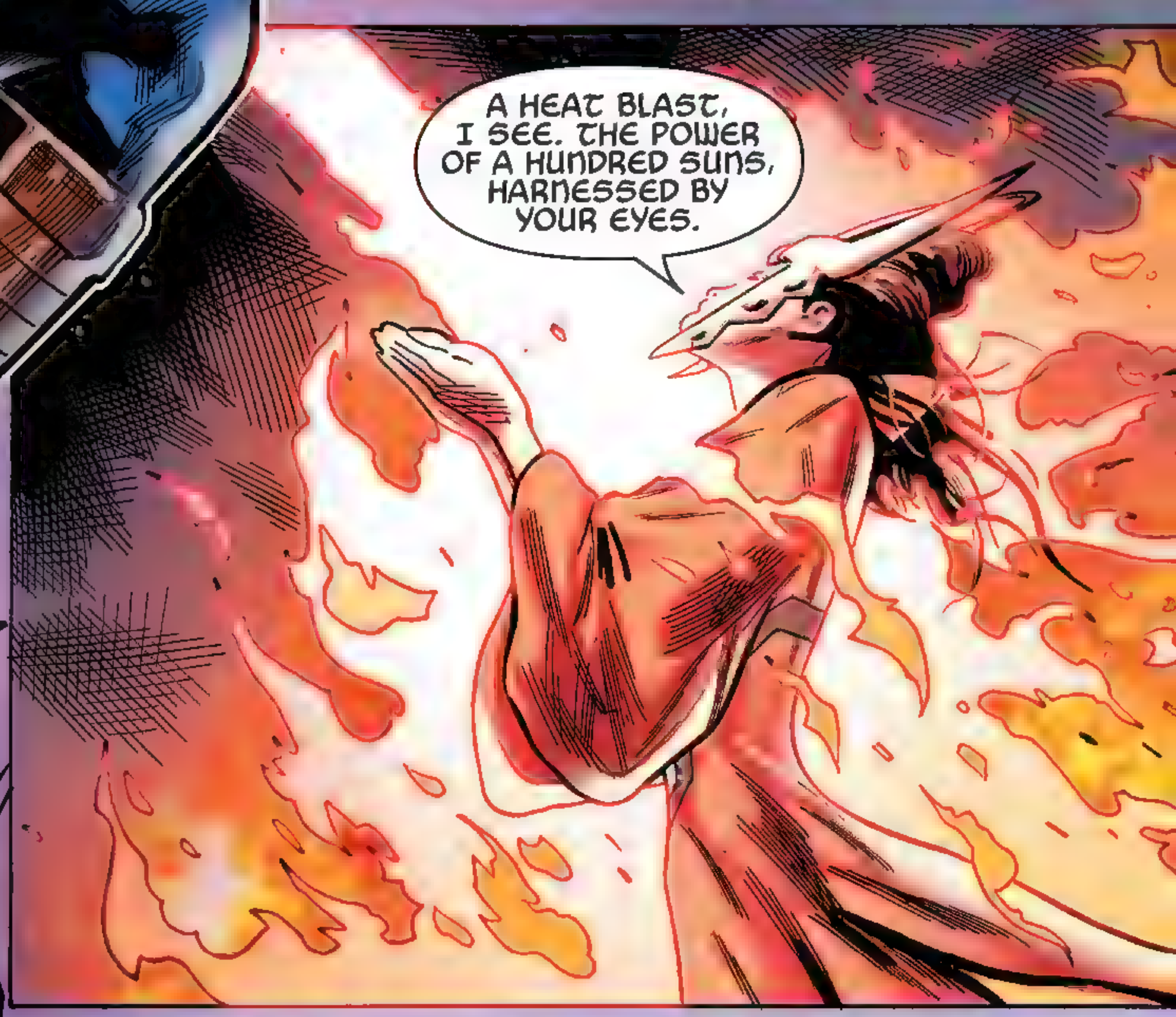




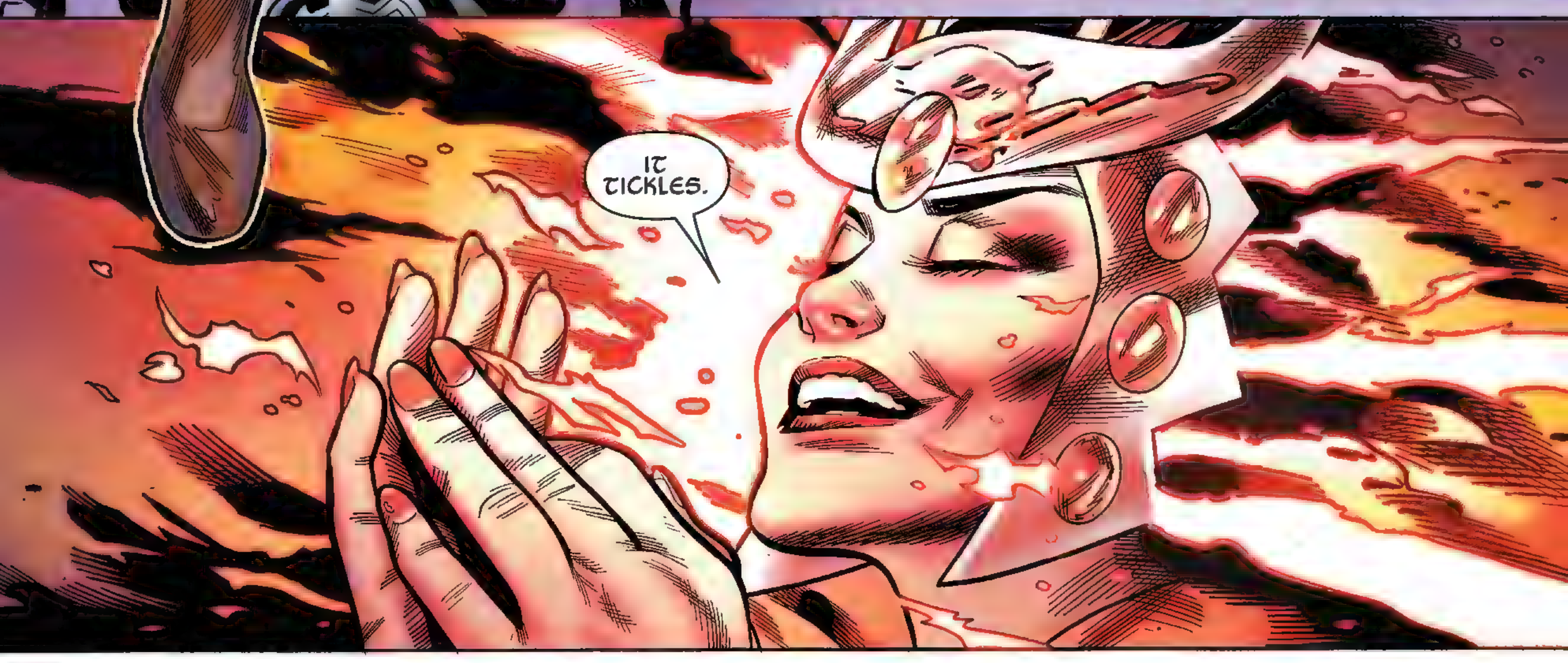
WITCH!
RELEASE YOUR
HOLD ON
THE MATRIX
STONE...



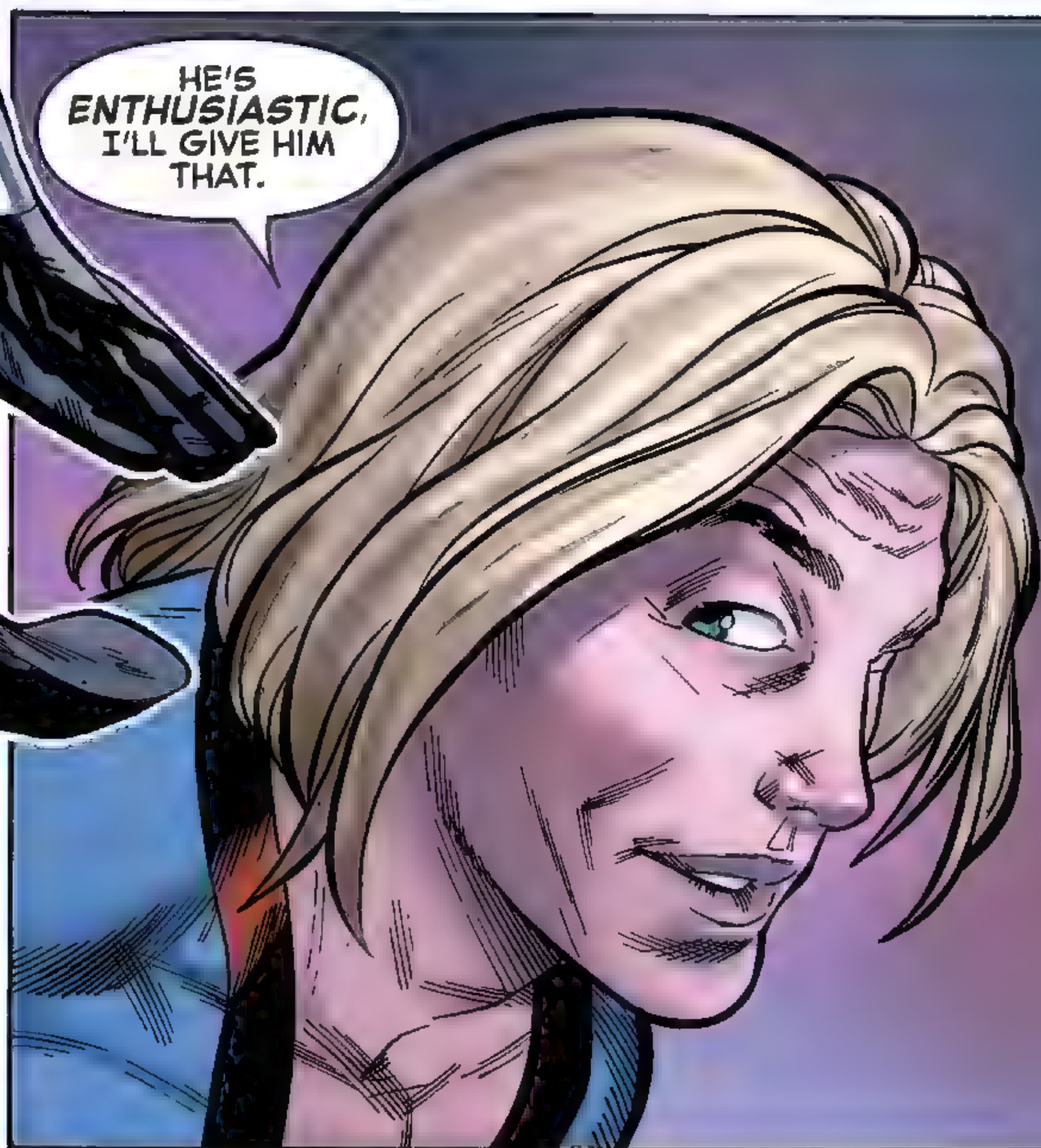
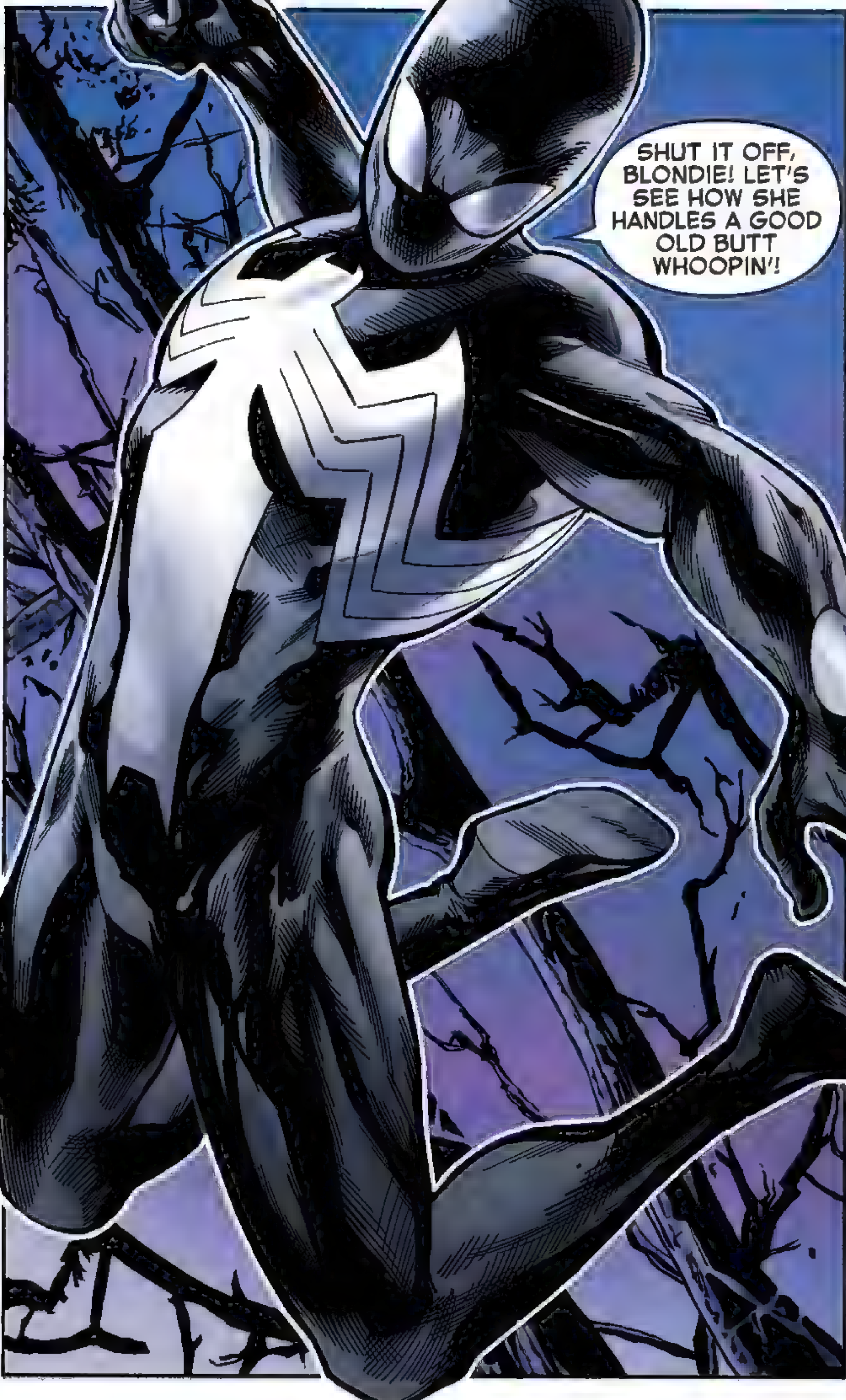
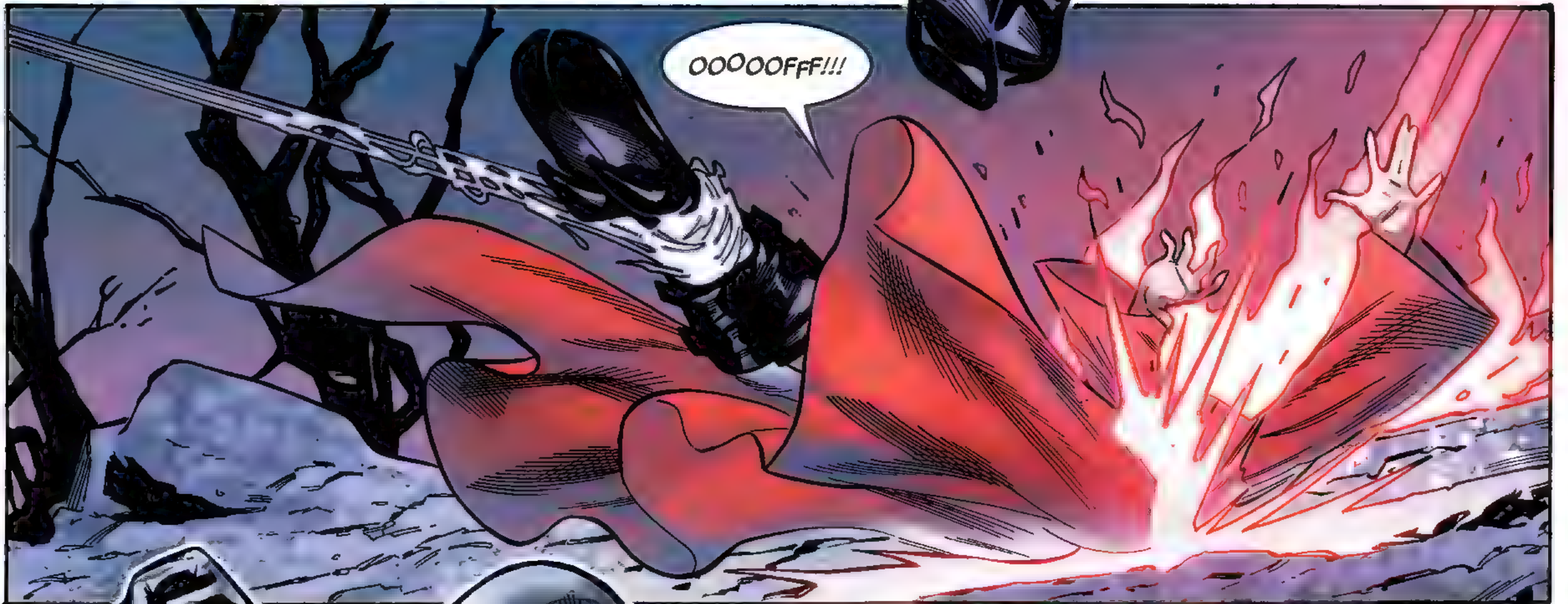
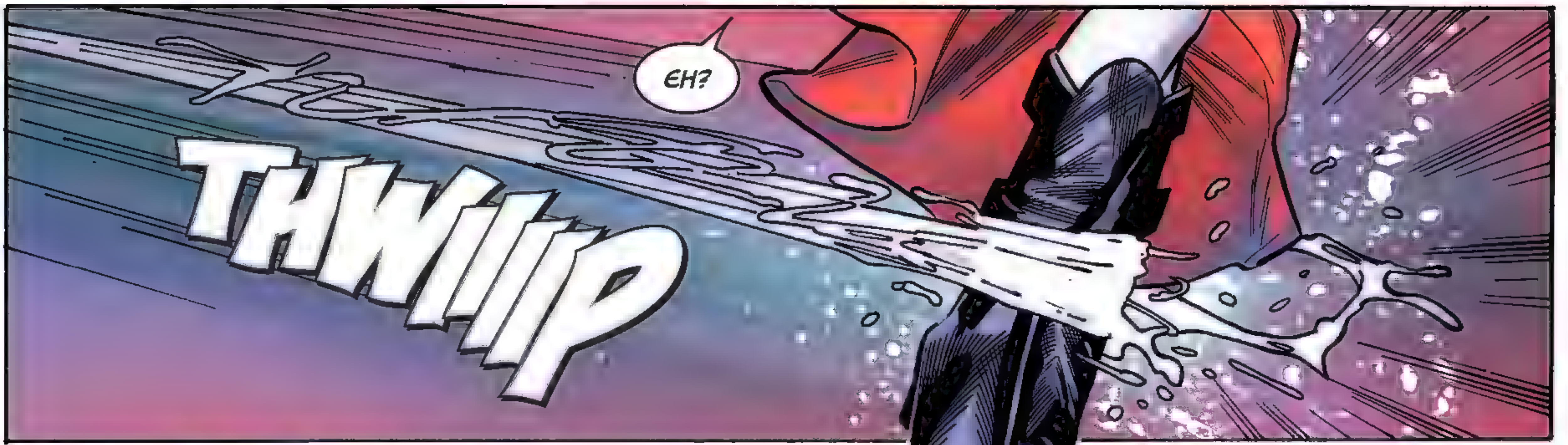
...OR SUFFER THE
CONSEQUENCES!

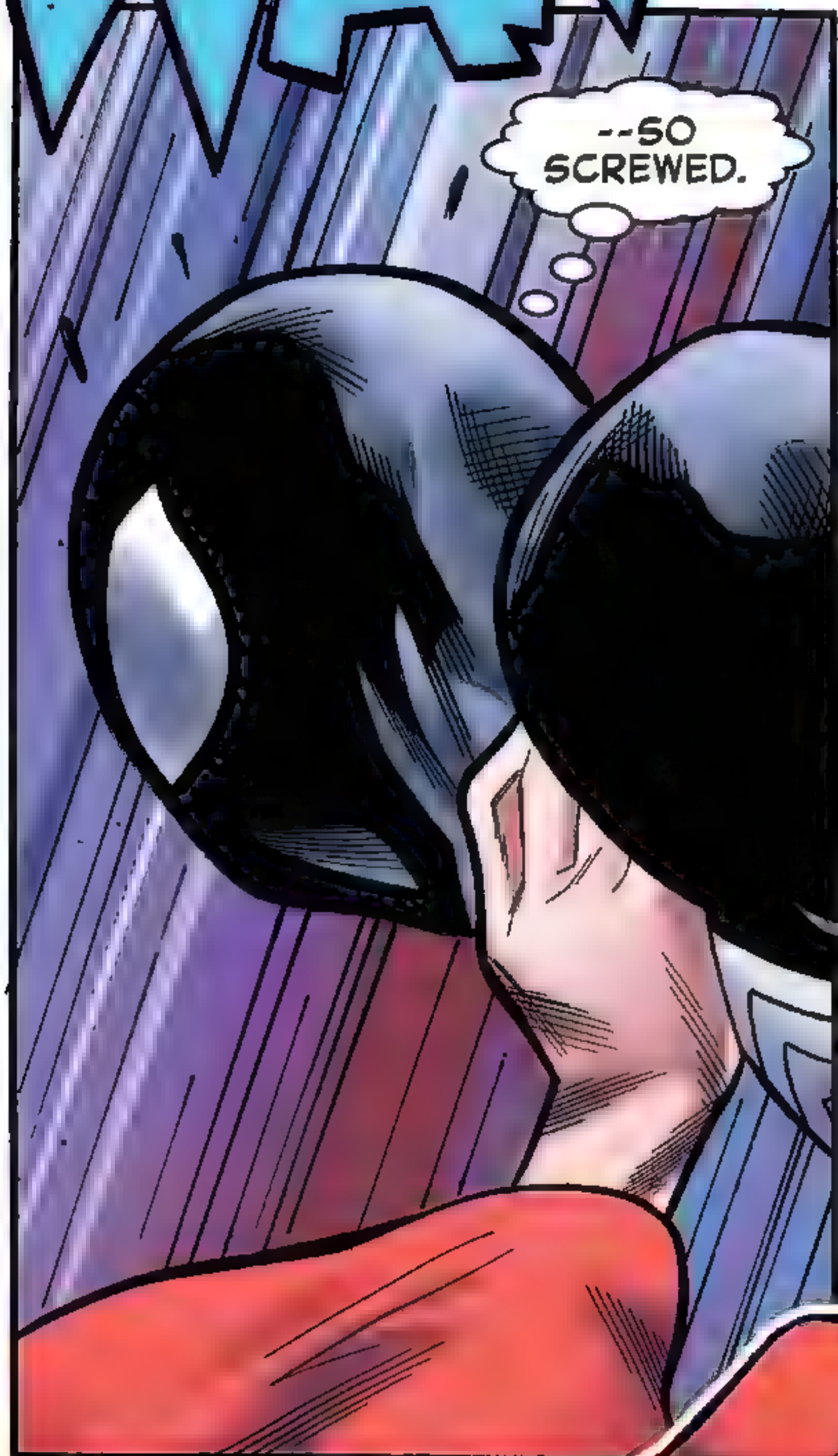


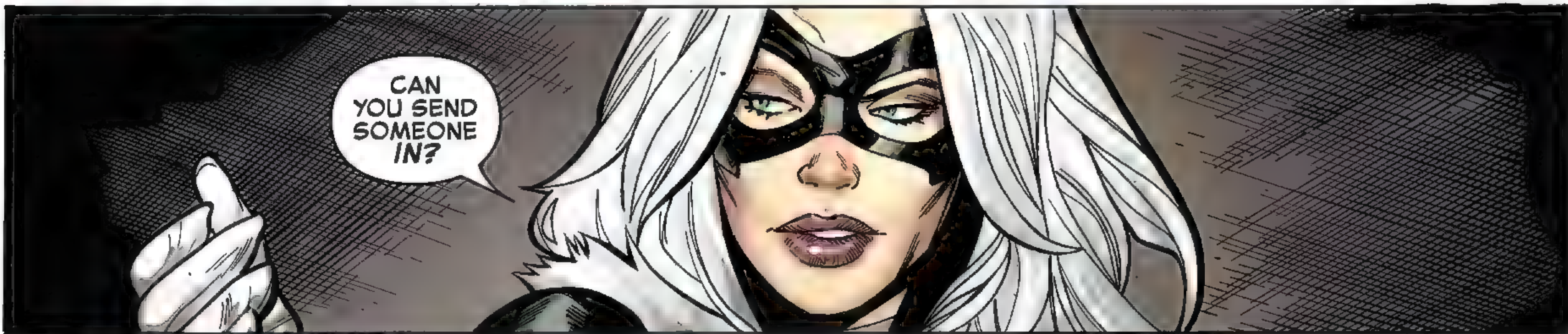
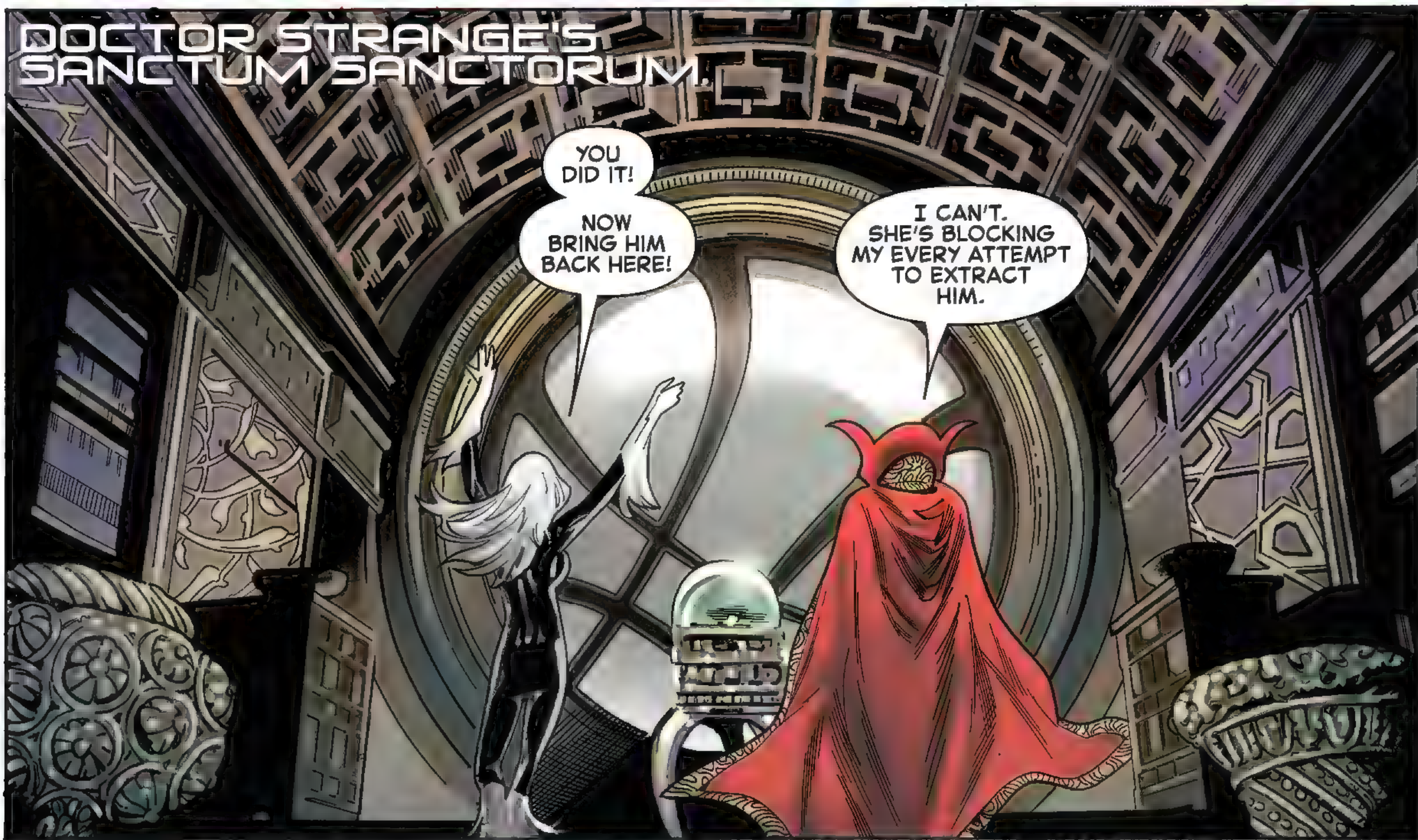
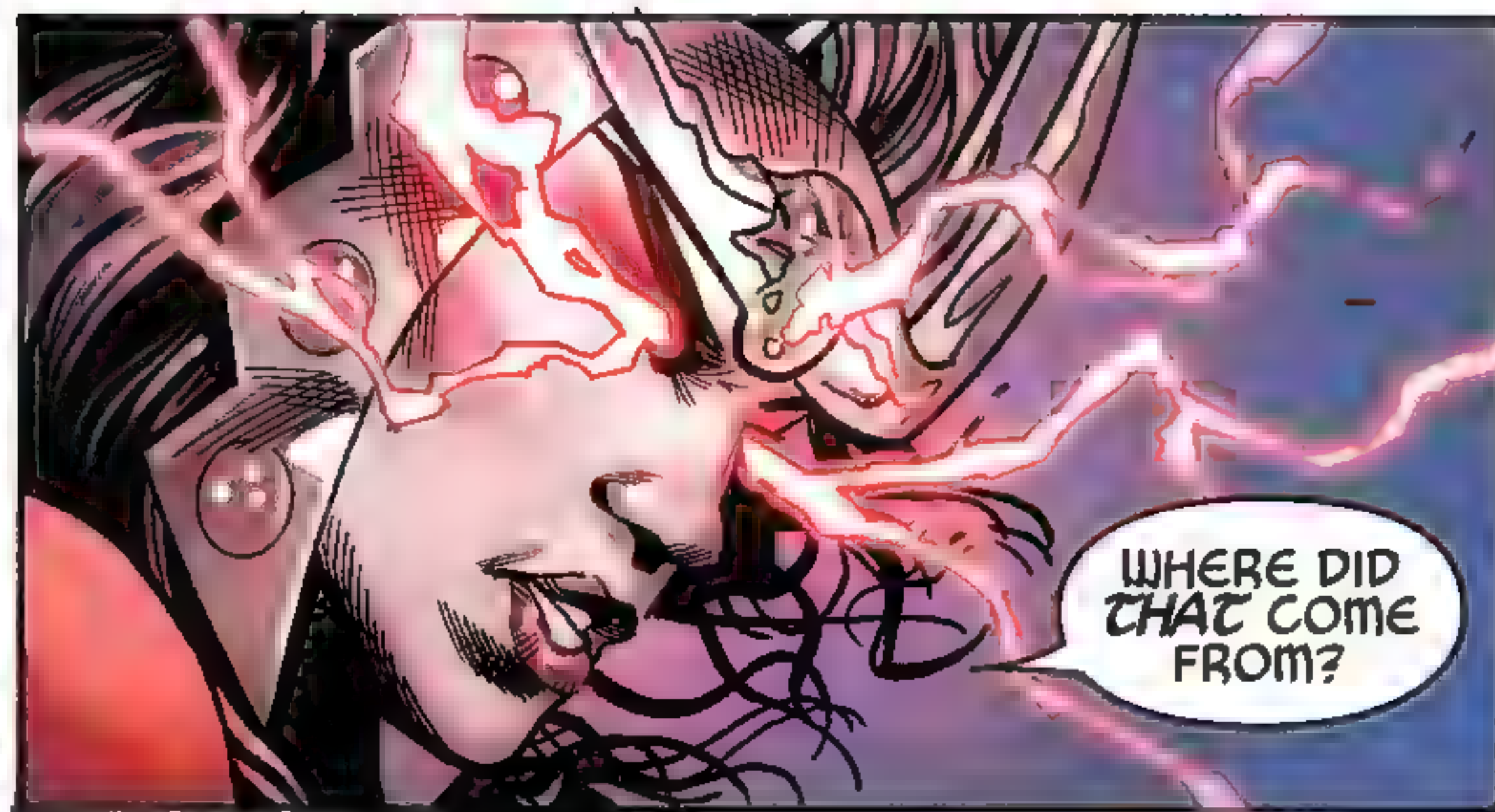
A HEAT BLAST,
I SEE. THE POWER
OF A HUNDRED SUNS,
HARNESSED BY
YOUR EYES.

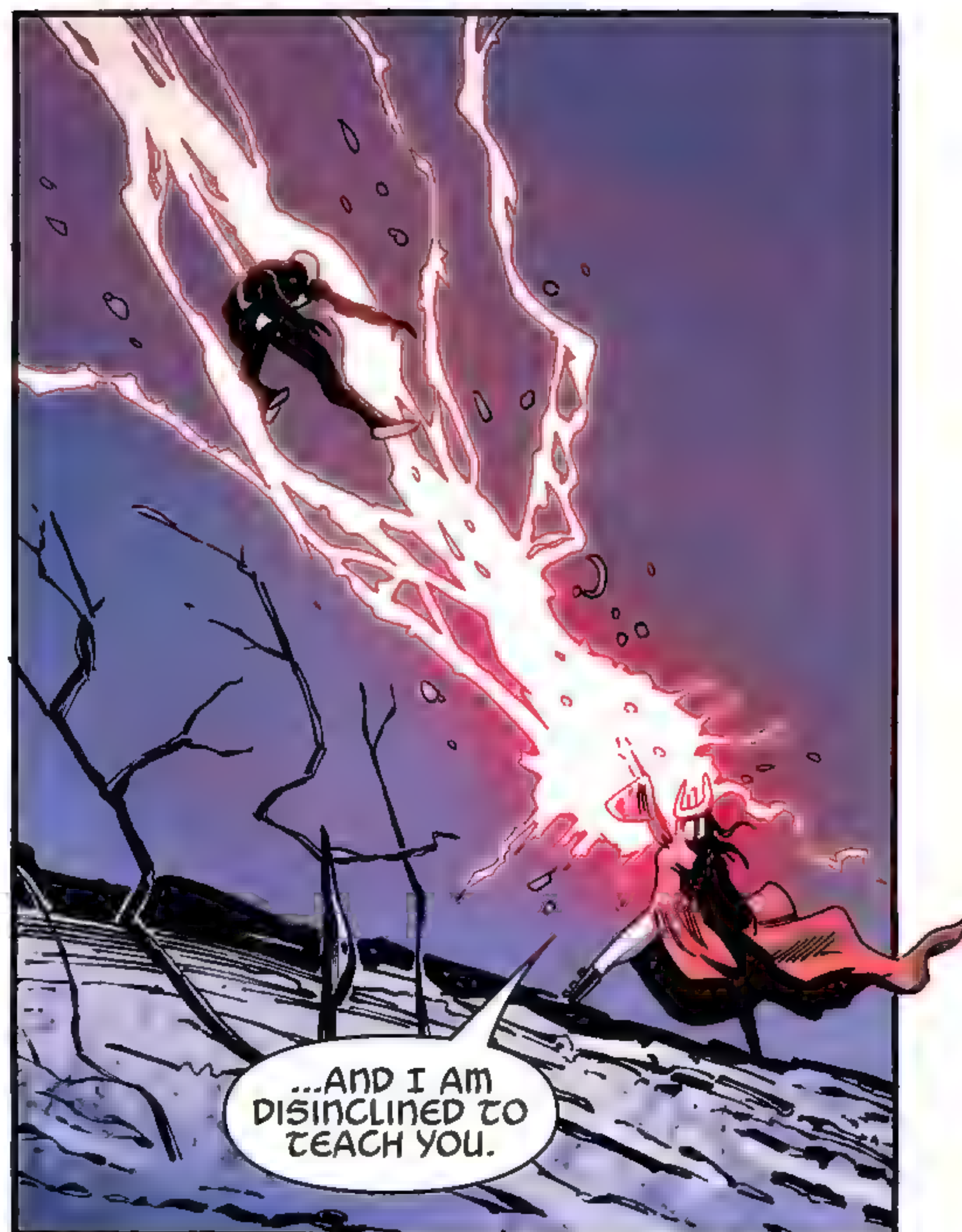


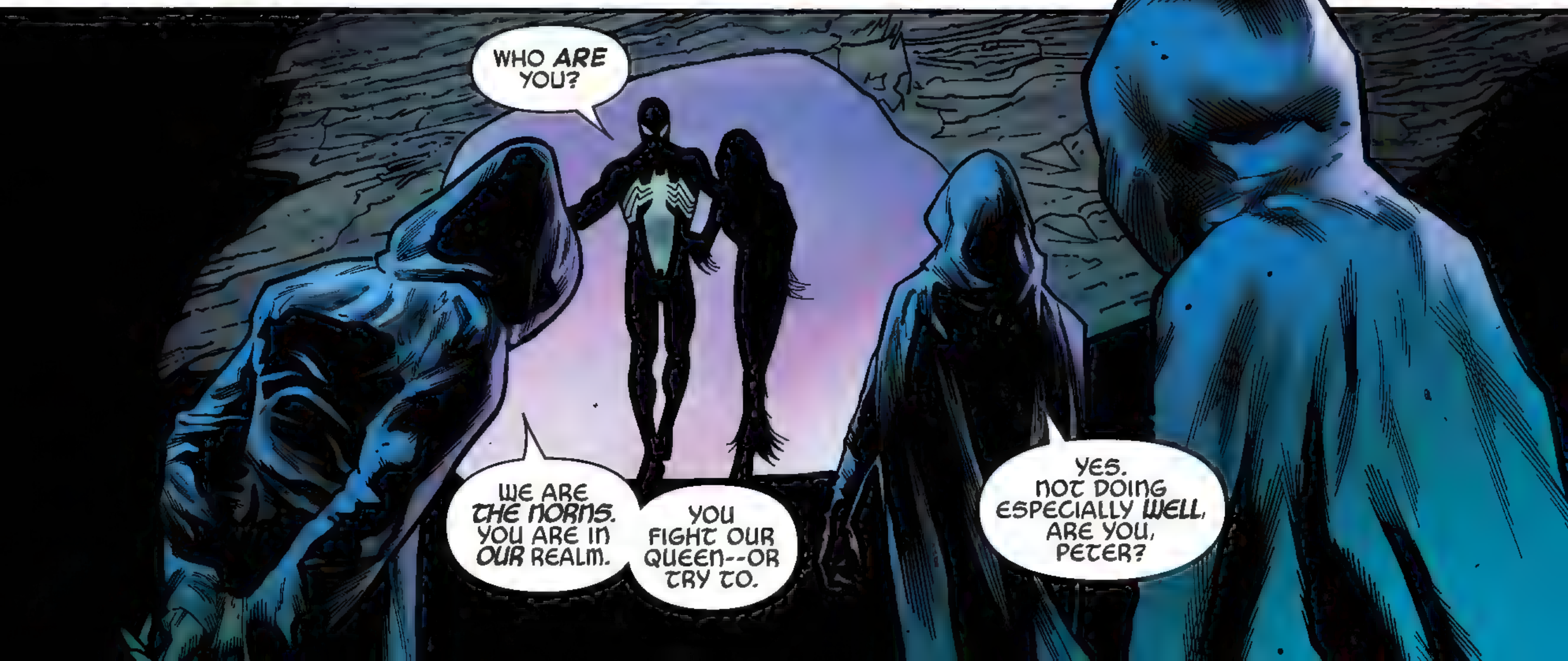
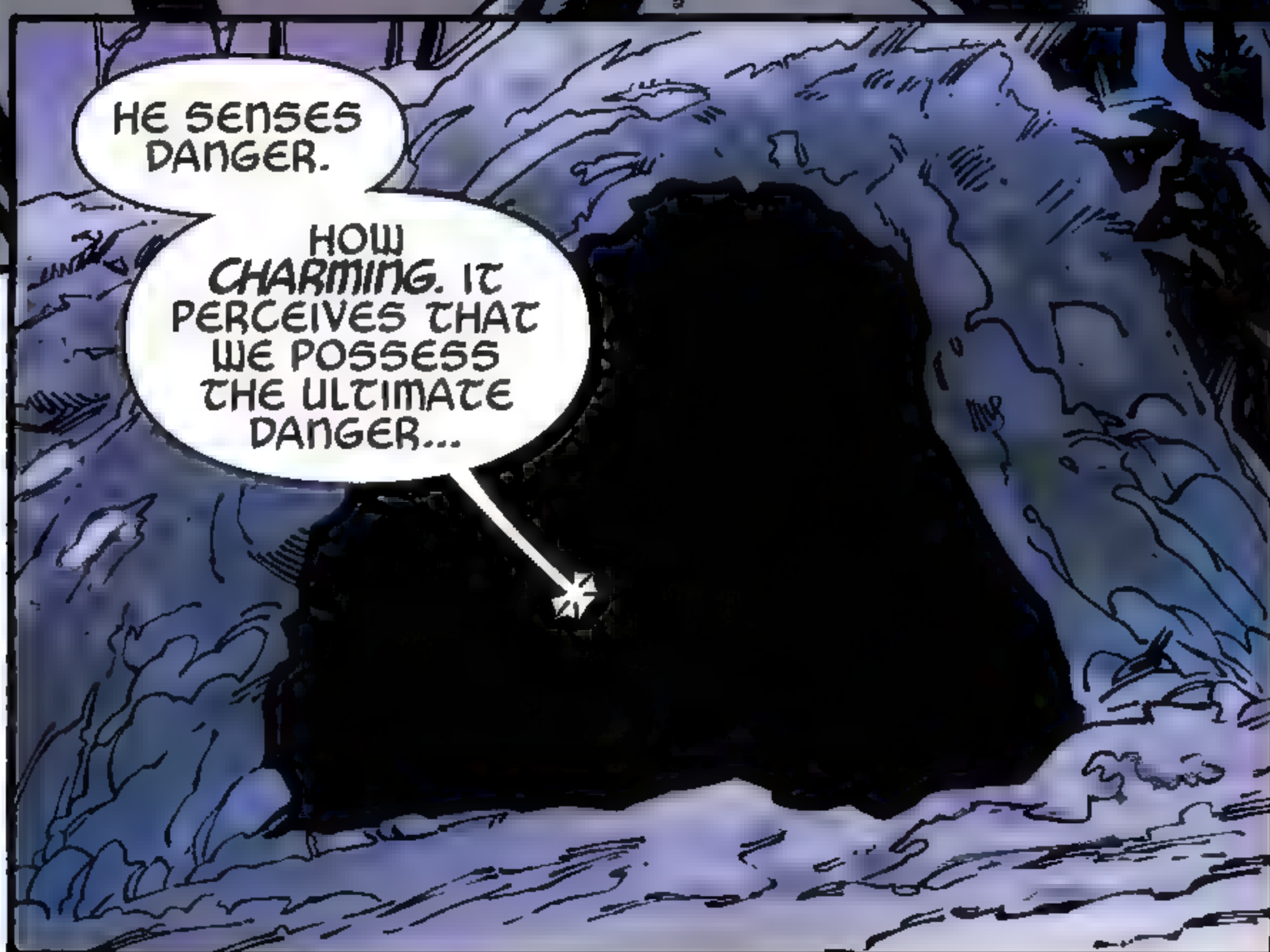
IT
TICKLES.

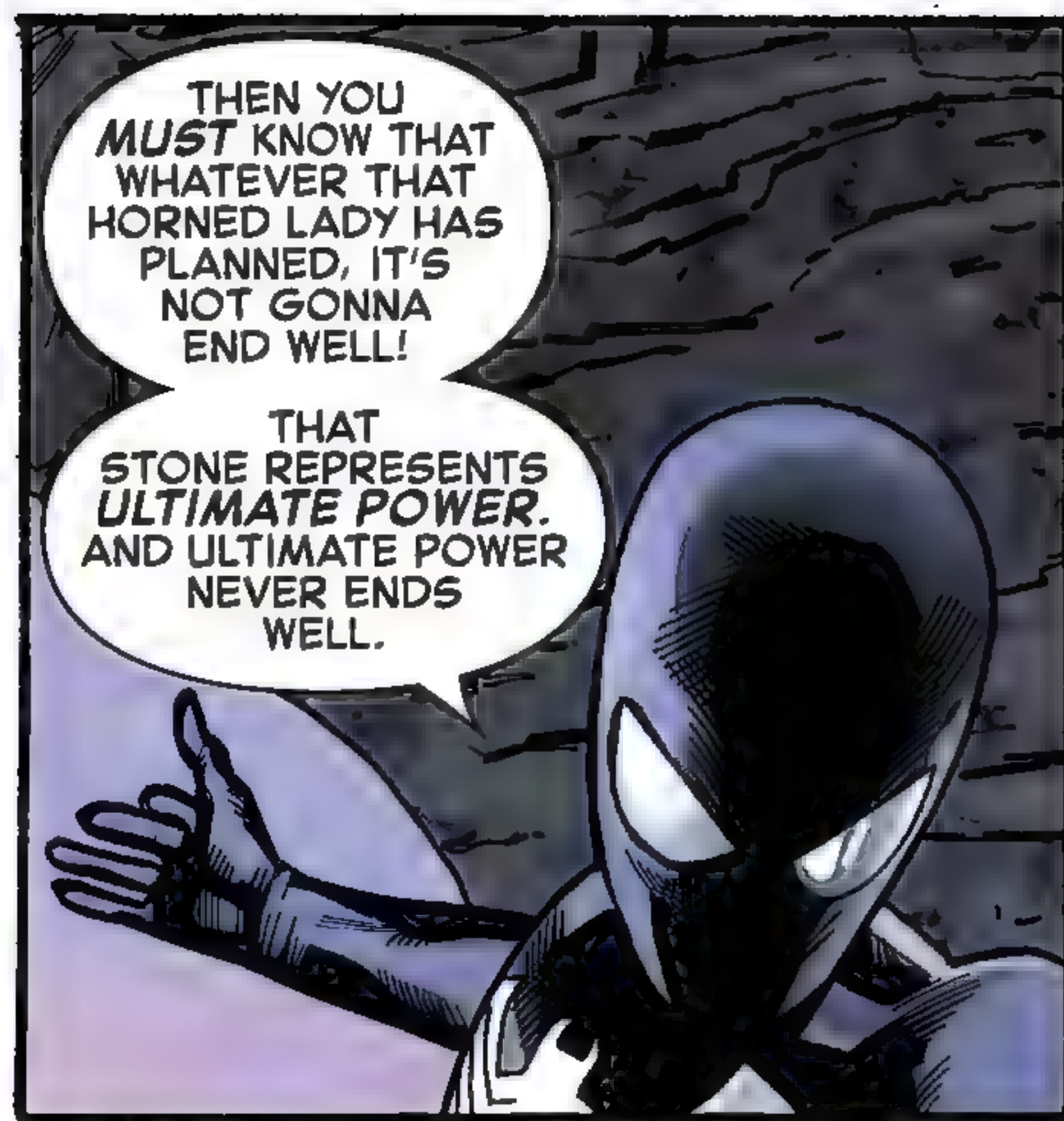
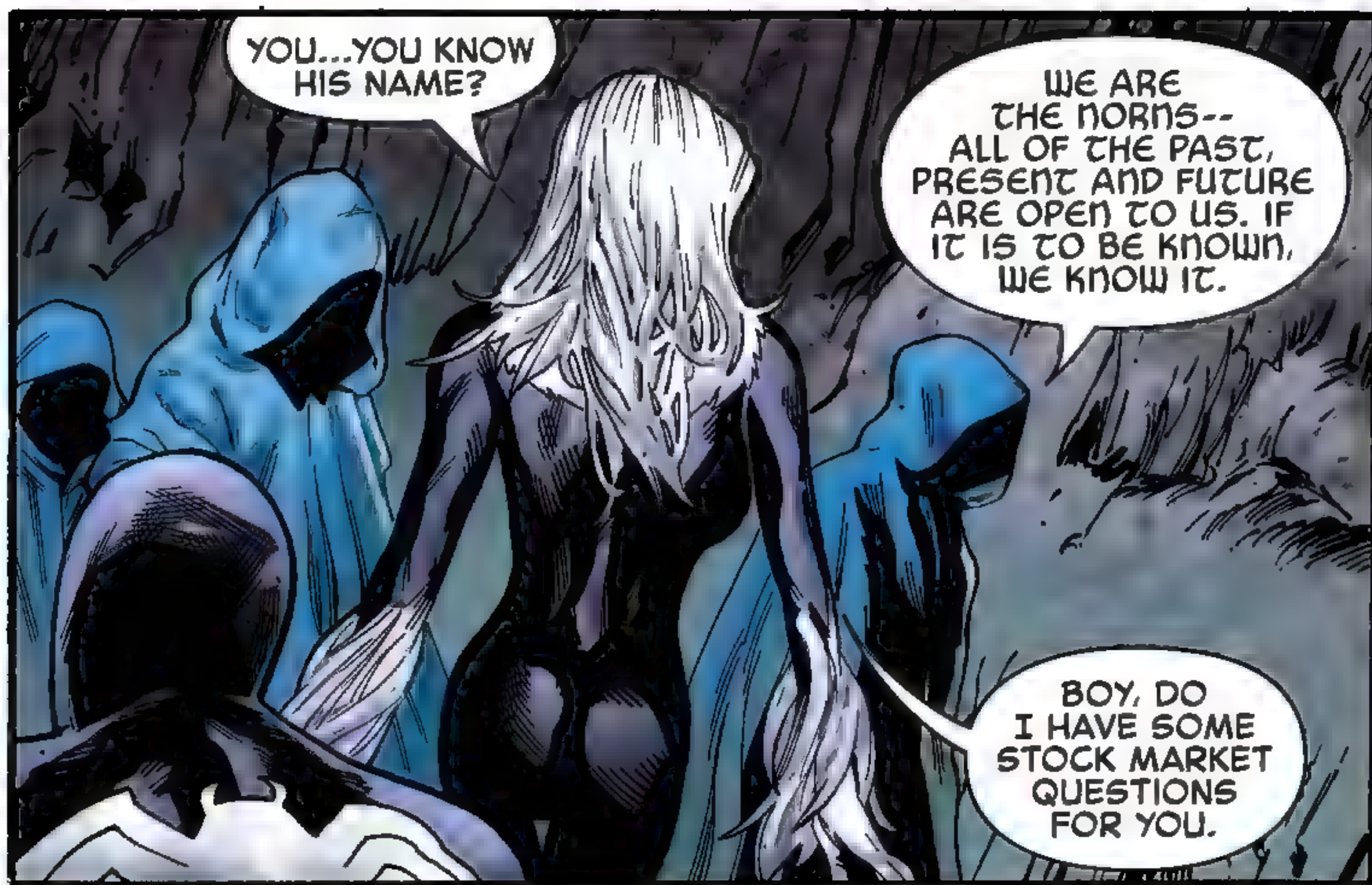












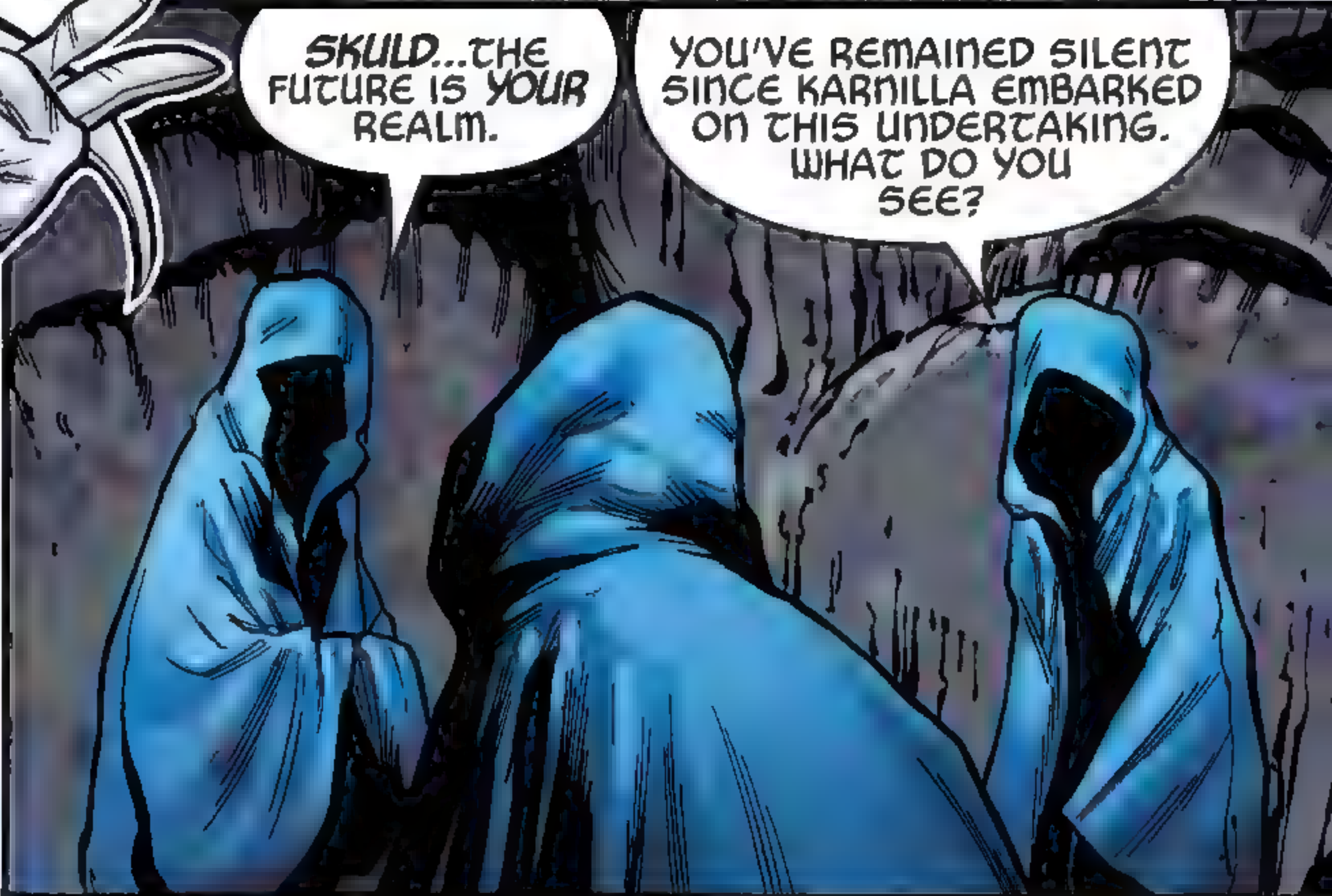


YOU
SAID YOU KNEW
EVERYTHING.

WHAT
ABOUT THE
FUTURE? CAN YOU
SEE CONSUELA'S
FUTURE?



UH...THAT'S
KARNILLA.



SKULD...THE
FUTURE IS YOUR
REALM.

YOU'VE REMAINED SILENT
SINCE KARNILLA EMBARKED
ON THIS UNDERTAKING.
WHAT DO YOU
SEE?



DEATH.

FOR
WHOM?

FOR
ALL.



WE SHOULD
MAKE A
CALL.





I DO
NOT NEED TO
WASTE TIME
WITH EITHER
OF YOU.



THESE
WARRIORS WILL
DISPENSE WITH
YOU!!!

STAY BACK,
HULK! I WILL
ATTEND TO
THESE!



HULK
WILL HANDLE
THEM!

YOU
TAKE BIG
WOMAN!



I KNOW
NOT WHO YOU
ARE, BUT ONE
THING IS
CLEAR:

I MUST
PUT AN
END TO YOUR
DELUSIONS OF
SUPERIORITY!

DELUSIONS?

MY POWER
IS SUPREME,
LITTLE ONE!

YOU
SPEAK OUT
OF **IGNORANCE**,
WOMAN!

I KNOW
FAR MORE
THAN YOU DO,
CREATURE!



I KNOW
YOU ARE NOT
AS POWERFUL
AS YOU IMAGINE
YOURSELF
TO BE.

I KNOW THAT
THIS IS THE END OF
YOUR FINAL BATTLE.
THAT YOU ARE
OUTMATCHED.

BAH! THIS
IS WHAT HULK
KNOWS. HULK
KNOWS--

--THAT
GIANT WOMAN
TALKS TOO
MUCH!!!

YOU
LITTLE...



...INSECT!!!

WUFF

NO, SPIDER
GUY IS INSECT!
HE'S NOT EVEN
HERE!

YOU STAND
BEFORE THE
SUPREME POWER
OF THE
UNIVERSE!



THE POWER
OF CELESTIAL
BEINGS COURSES
THROUGH ME!

NONE CAN
STAND UP TO ME!
I SHALL RESHAPE
THE UNIVERSE
TO SUIT MY
FANCY!

I SHALL
RULE OVER
ALL!



I THINK NOT.

GREETINGS, CHILD. WE HAVE NOT BEEN INTRODUCED.

I AM CALLED ZURAS.

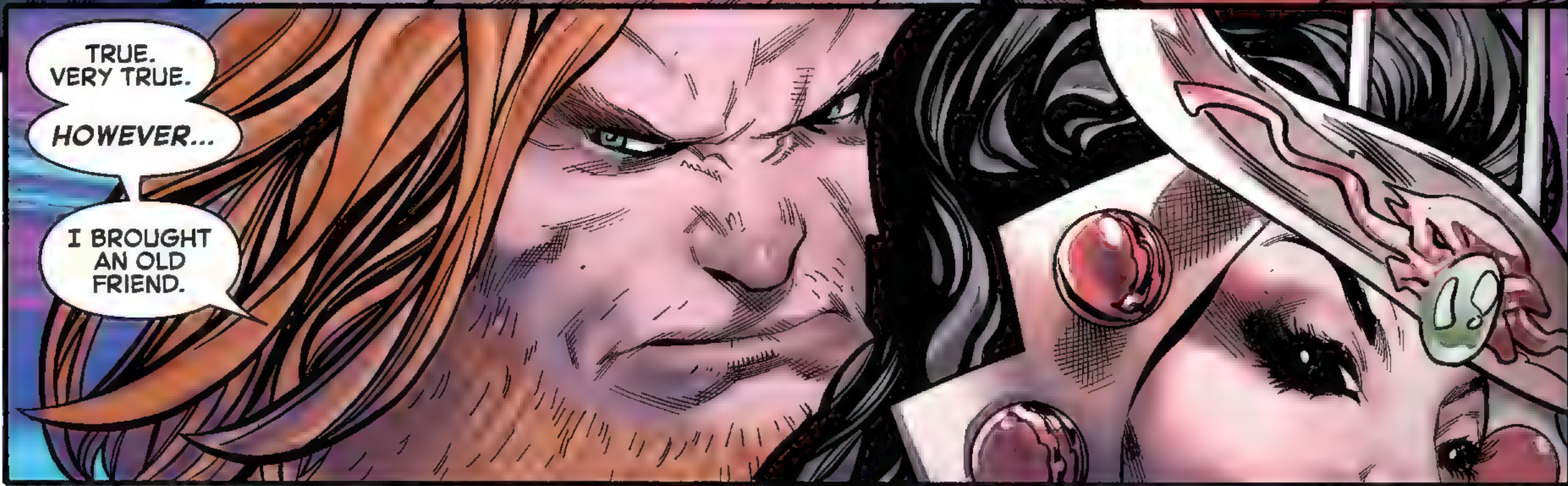
INDEED. AND I CAN TELL IT IS EXHAUSTING YOU TO USE YOUR POWER IN ORDER TO MATCH MY SIZE.

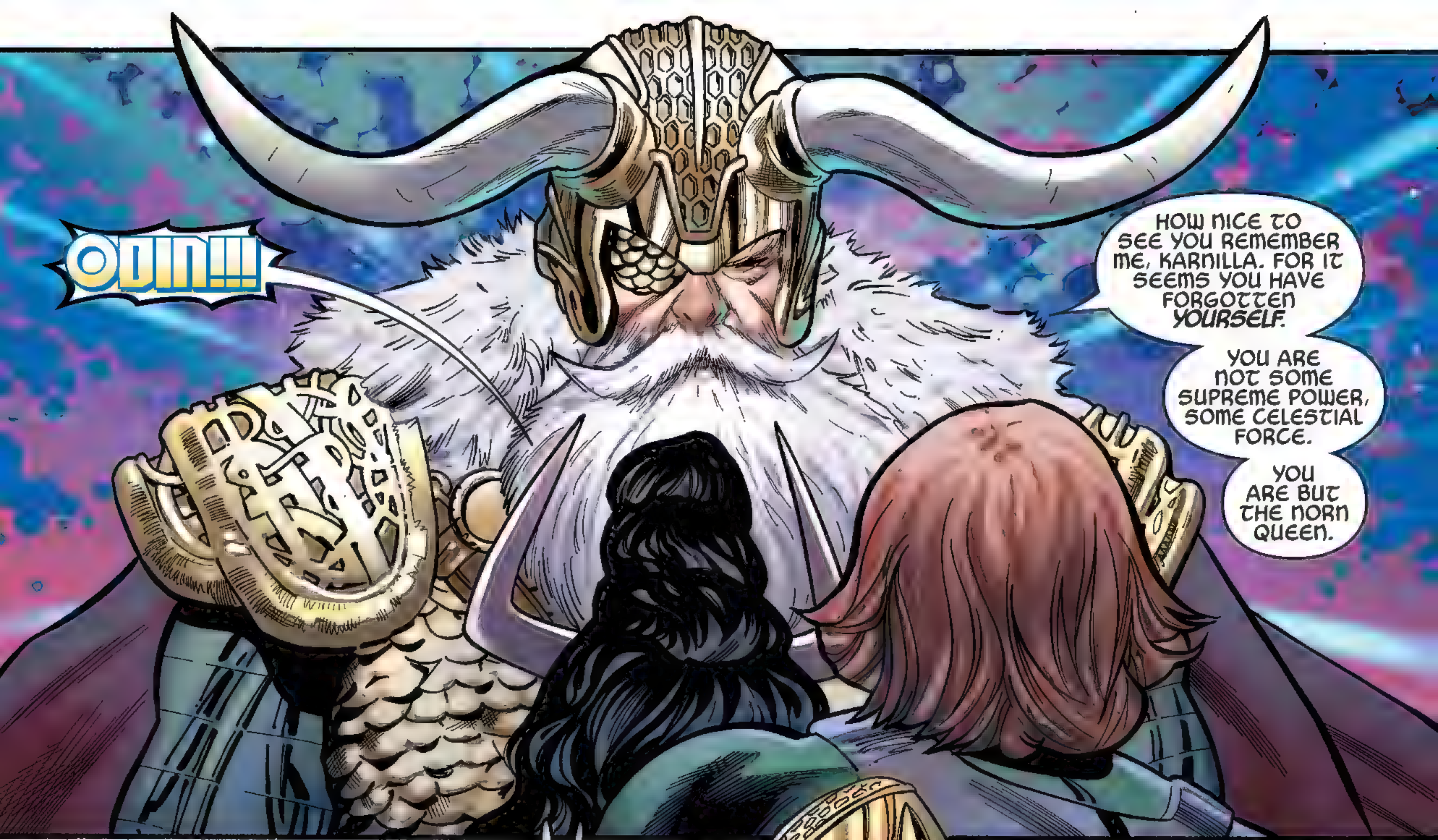
AND WITH THE MATRIX STONE MY POWER IS INFINITE. YOURS IS NOT. YOU CANNOT DEFEAT ME YOURSELF.

TRUE. VERY TRUE.

HOWEVER...

I BROUGHT AN OLD FRIEND.





ODIN!!!

HOW NICE TO SEE YOU REMEMBER ME, KARNILLA. FOR IT SEEMS YOU HAVE FORGOTTEN YOURSELF.

YOU ARE NOT SOME SUPREME POWER, SOME CELESTIAL FORCE.

YOU ARE BUT THE NORN QUEEN.



AND YOU HAVE OVERSTEPPED YOUR BOUNDS.

NO!!



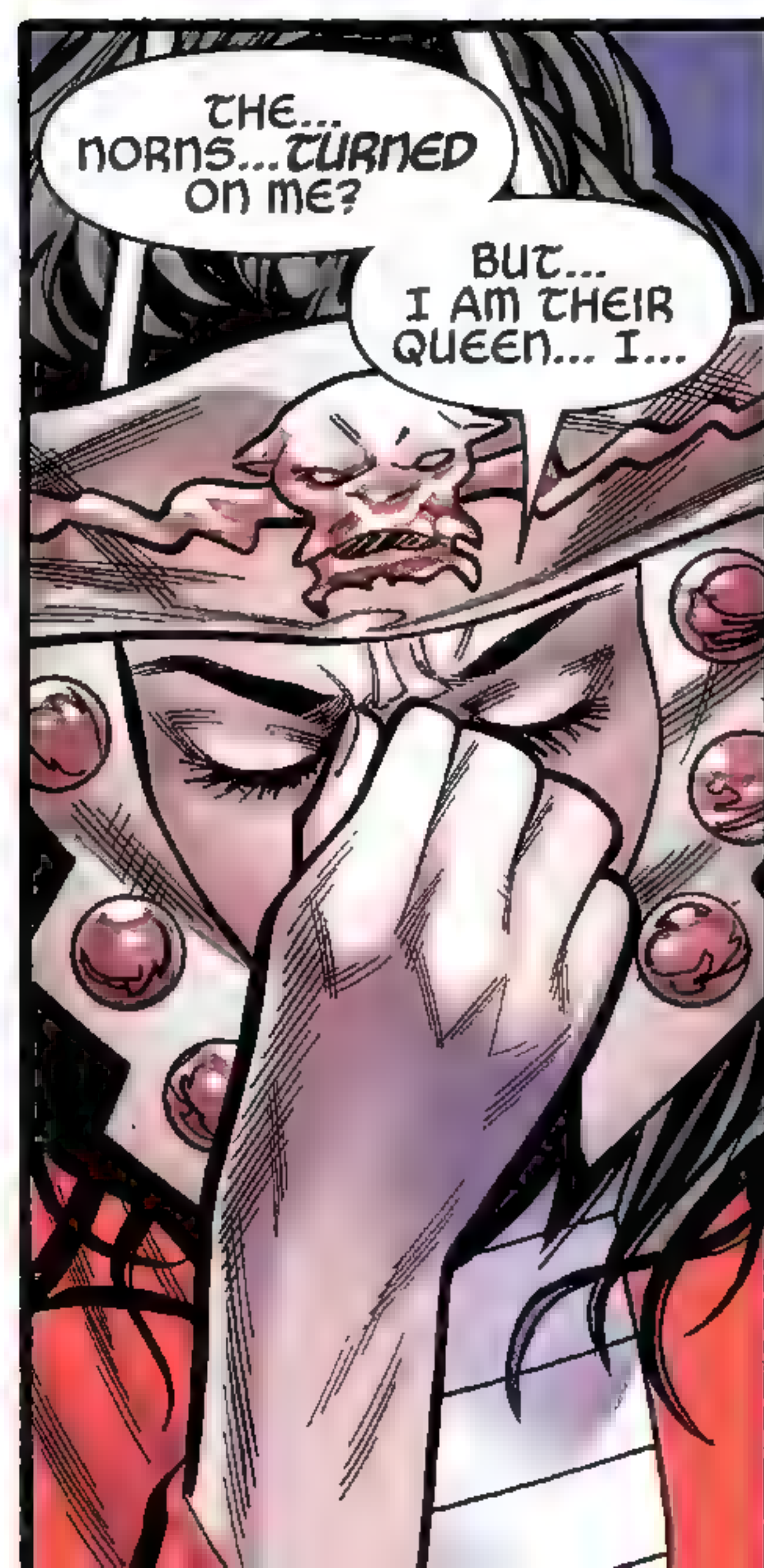
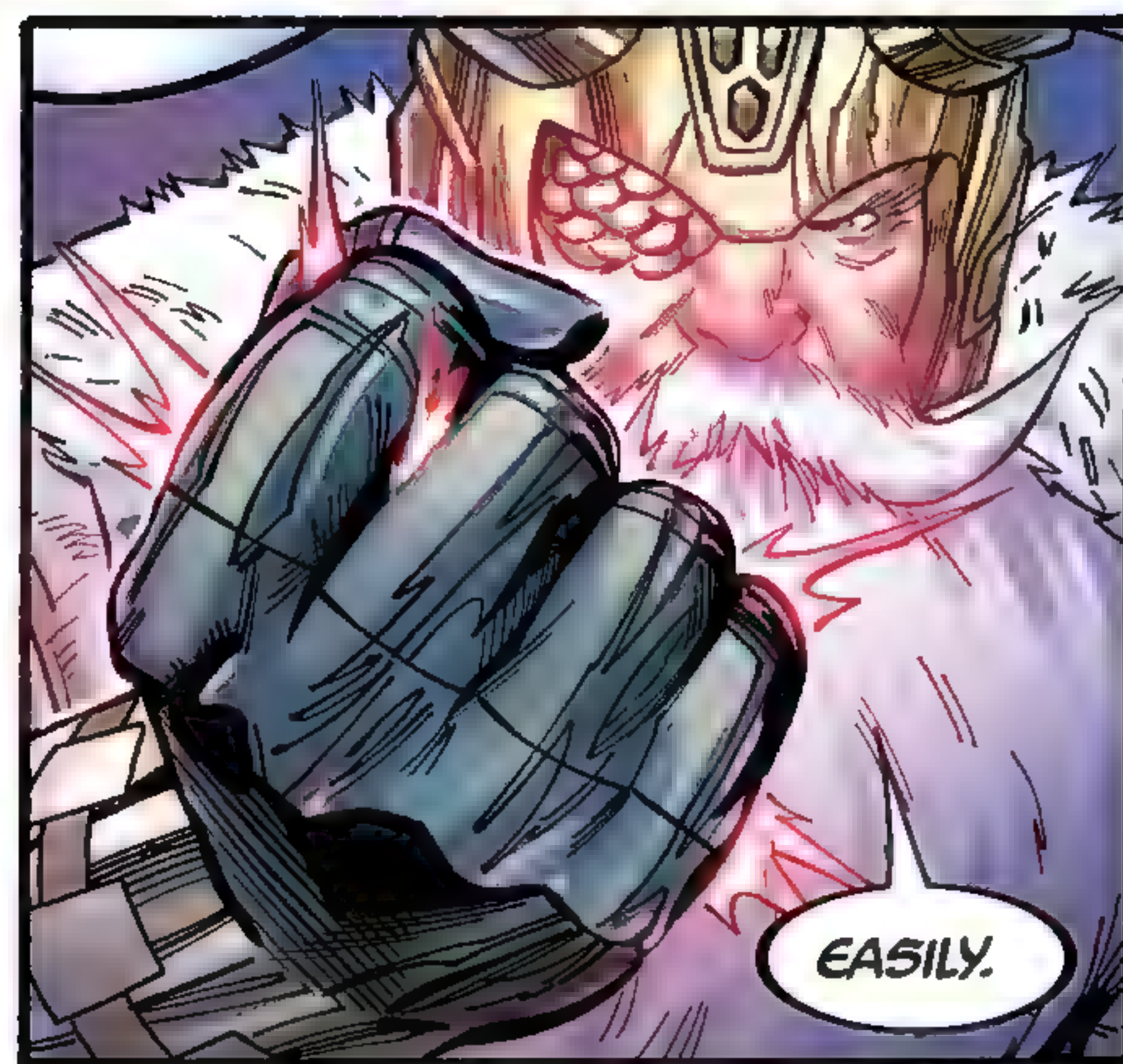
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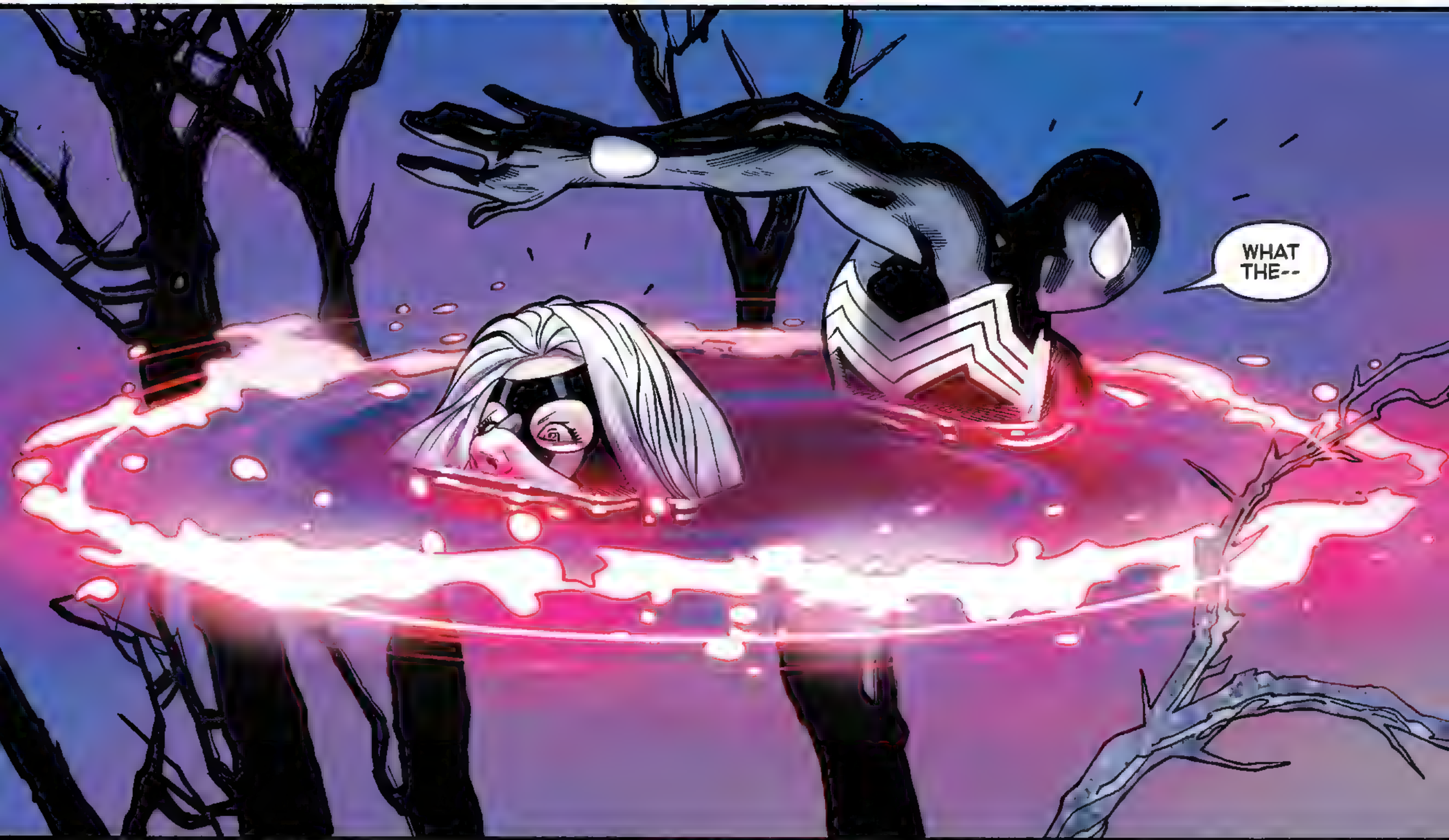
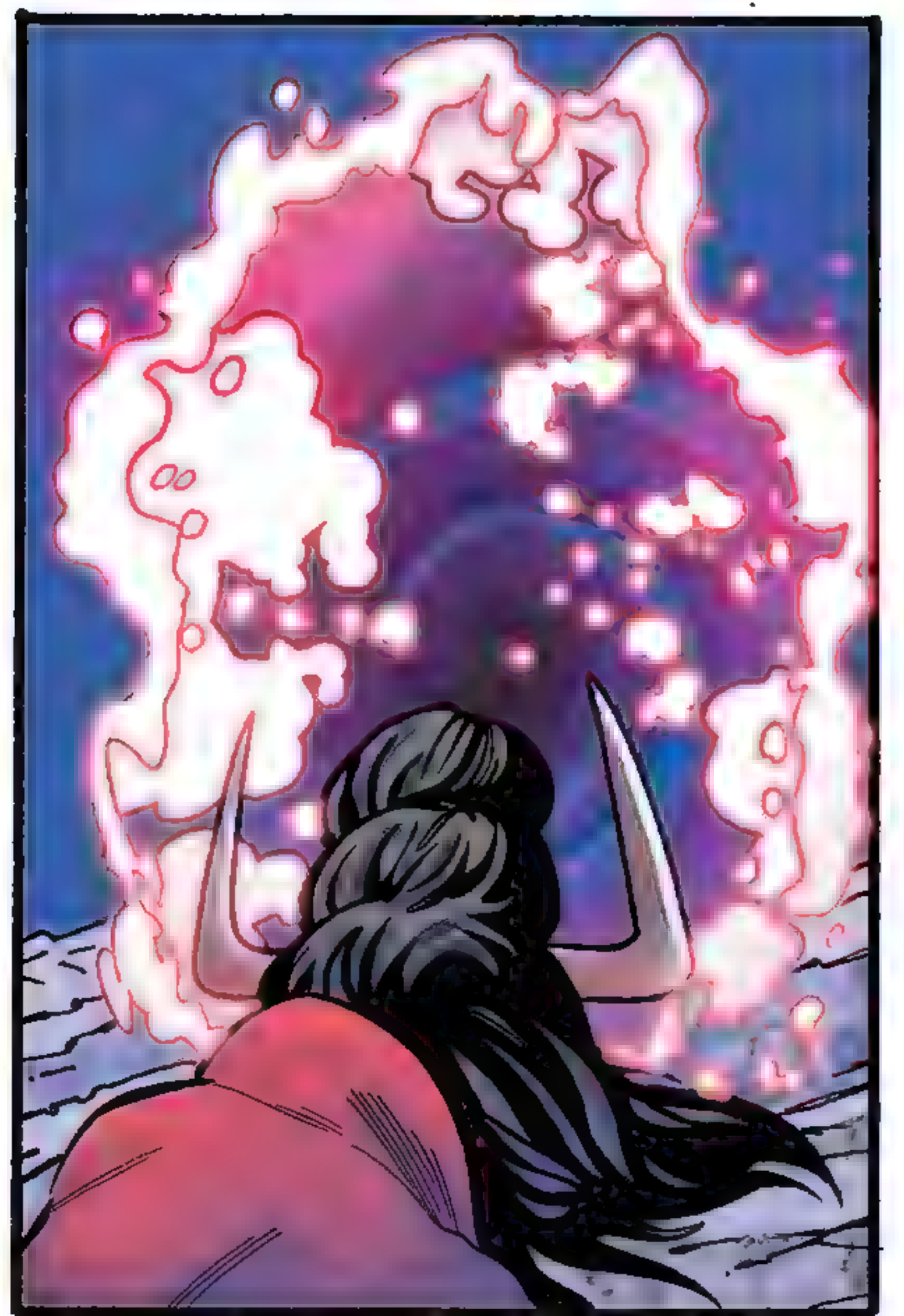


HAH!



RAAAARRRR!







--HECK?

WE'RE BACK!

DOC!
YOU DID IT!



IT TOOK A WHILE FOR YOU TO WIND UP IN A DIMENSION SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TO OUR OWN, BUT YES, IT'S DONE.

AND THE HULK? WHERE'S THE HULK?!



"I HAVE RESTORED HIM TO HIS PLACE AT THE DIMENSIONAL CROSSING. IDEALLY, LIKE ORIGINALLY PLANNED, HE WILL LIVE OUT THE REST OF HIS DAYS THERE."



I ONLY SAW BITS AND PIECES OF WHAT YOU WERE GOING THROUGH, SPIDER! THINGS KEPT CUTTING OUT. TELL ME EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED.



TRUST ME, CAT...

YOU REALLY DON'T WANNA KNOW.

END.



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